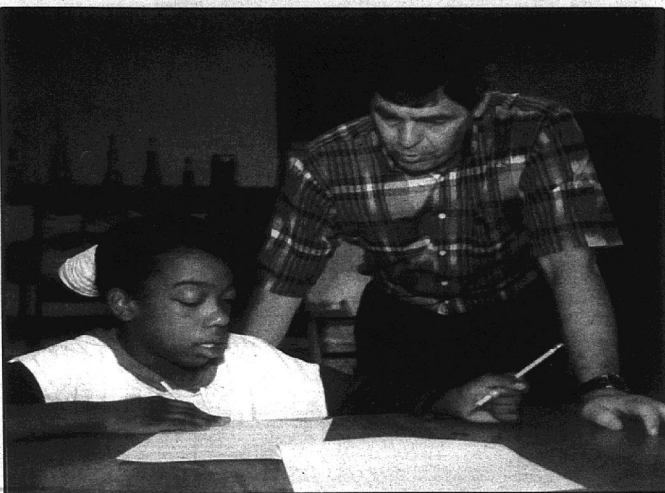


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Innovated math — Madison Middle School math instructor Jim Beattie guides student Cheryl Jenkins through a probability exercise. See related story on today's People Page 5A.

New tax rates released

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Residents of Granite City and Pontoon Beach continue to get the best bang for their property tax buck in the Tri-Cities area. Madison County Clerk Debbie Saltich recently released the 1994 assessed valuations for Madison County taxing districts. As a whole, the county's assessed valuation increased by more than \$5 million to \$1.935 billion.

The county's tax rate is .8750 — or 87½ cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Of that figure, about 25 cents goes to general county operations; a dime goes to county employees' retirement and another eight cents to social security; a little less than seven cents goes for mental health services; a dime is earmarked for the highway department; a nickel for each of the bridge fund, the nursing home and a matching tax fund; six cents is for judgements and liability; and less than two cents goes to each of the detention home, health department, museum and veterans' assistance funds.

A new tax of 1.86 cents is collected for each \$100 of assessed valuation to pay for a county jail expansion. Other taxing bodies throughout the county have been notified of their new rates, which are based on the amount of taxes levied for and the assessed valuation within the district.

Of the four incorporated municipalities in the Tri-Cities area, typical residents of Pontoon Beach (\$7.50 per \$100 EAV) and Granite City (\$8.11) pay the least in property taxes. Venice residents pay considerably more (\$10.28 per \$100) and Madison residents have the highest property tax rate in the area (\$10.67).

Of course, because the boundaries of the various taxing districts (fire protection districts and library districts, for example) vary, property tax rates within a municipality will vary. But typical Granite City resident, for example, pays a little more than \$8.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The owner of a home with a fair market value of \$30,000, assessed at \$10,000, would pay about \$811 in property taxes this year. The money would be distributed as follows:

Madison County	\$87.50
GC Township	\$29.47
City of GC	\$130.48
GC Park	\$43.30
GC Schools	\$414.83
BAC	\$23.86
MSD	\$50.79
GC Library	\$30.43

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Rates compared

The 1994 property tax rate for Madison County is 87½ cents per \$100 compared to 87.35 cents per \$100 last year. The 1994 property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuation of other area taxing bodies, with last year's tax rate in parentheses, are:

Belleville Area College	\$3.86 (.2257)
Metrol East Sanitary District	\$5.07 (.746)
Granite City School District	\$4.143 (.41639)
Madison School District	\$5.601 (.59437)
Venice School District	\$4.083 (.40824)
City of Granite City	\$1.2049 (1.3361)
City of Madison	\$2.5903 (2.7397)
City of Venice	\$3.5521 (3.4956)
Village of Pontoon Beach	\$4.509 (.4431)
Granite City Township	\$3.297 (.2998)
Nameoki Township	\$3.442 (.3427)
Nameoki Road and Bridge	\$3.554 (.351)
Venice Township	\$3.554 (.351)
Venice Road and Bridge	\$3.234 (.2188)
Chouteau Township	\$2.186 (.2141)

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What's your best bet?

We're asking readers of the Granite City Press-Record and Granite City Journal to tell us where we can find the area's best cup of coffee.

On Thursday, June 8, we will debut a new feature in the Press-Record called "Best Bet." Once a month, we will run a photo and short story on the best of the Granite City area — for example, the best barber, best bus driver or best hamburger — as picked by our readers.

Voting will begin tonight for the Best Cup of Coffee. To vote, call 877-7700 and ask for Dawn. Votes will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays, through 5 p.m. Thursday, June 1. We'll compile the votes, and readers will be able to find out which diner, restaurant, or resident's kitchen they selected as the place where the area's best cup of coffee can be found by picking up the June 8 issue of the Granite City Press-Record.

Meeting centers on flood matters

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Flooding — how to deal with the aftermath, explanations about why it was so bad, complaints about filling in wetlands, complaints about not being able to fill in wetlands, and thanks for volunteering during sandbagging operations was the main topic of discussion at the Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting was held in the senior center next door to the village hall because the meeting hall carpet was soaked. Because of bad acoustics, Mayor Glen Wilson had to remind the 50 or so citizens

attending to quiet down several times so business could be conducted.

Denise McCleary, Madison County solid waste coordinator, announced that the use of three 22-foot long trash containers had been donated to the village by Laidlaw Waste Systems, Inc., and would be placed in the village sometime Wednesday.

The containers are for flood-damaged items. She said the following items were not to be placed in the containers — normal household trash, firewood, household appliances, or sand bags.

McCleary said large appliances could be taken to Appliance Recyclers, 8410 Collinsville Road between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday

through Friday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, telephone 344-6237.

Initially, McCleary said the trash containers would be placed at the corner of Mari-gold Drive and Tulp Avenue, the far end of Georgetown Drive, and the corner of B Street and Bruene Drive.

After complaints that all three were one side of town, the board voted to place the container slated for Georgetown in the Breckenridge area and attempt to secure another.

During comments from the public, several people spoke about the flood.

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Man faces life sentence, reconsiders plea

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison man facing a life sentence after failing to return after a three-day furlough has apparently reconsidered his guilty plea.

William Loftis, 40, of the 3000 block of Sixth Street in Madison has asked his attorney, Madison County Assistant Public Defender Tyler Bateman, to file a motion to allow Loftis to withdraw his guilty plea.

Bateman said Wednesday that he had not filed the motion yet, but would do so in a "timely fashion."

Loftis had been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the March 7, 1994 rape of a 21-year-old woman while they were cleaning

a vacant building on Cherry Street in Alton.

In a plea agreement reached May 15 before Chief Criminal Judge Charles Romani Jr., Loftis pleaded guilty to criminal sexual assault. Romani granted the furlough, and also issued an arrest warrant when Loftis failed to appear May 16.

At the time the furlough was granted, Loftis was told that he would receive natural life in prison if he failed to return.

Loftis had three prior convictions for sex offenses.

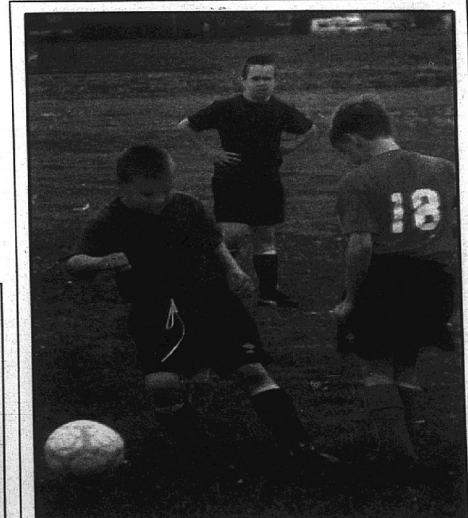
In 1975 he was sentenced to probation for attempted rape, six years in prison in 1980 for deviant sexual assault, and four years in

1989 for criminal sexual assault. Loftis was arrested Saturday evening at a Wood River motel after his mother tracked him down and notified police.

According to Loftis' sister, who lives in Alton, Loftis had sent letters from the Madison County Jail to his family since his arrest last year informing them he was suicidal and would not go back to prison.

A guard at the Madison County jail said Loftis has been sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections facility at Joliet.

(Some information for this article provided by the Alton Telegraph)



(Photo by PHILIP WALKER)

Soccer fun — Matt Carmody, left, moves the ball past Graig Bridgeman at a recent soccer game at the Quad-Cities Soccer Association.

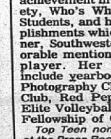
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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5



Top teen

Whether she is digging a volleyball from the gym floor or digging into the books, Melanie DeAnne Tapp gives it her best effort.

Tapp, a student at Granite City High School and daughter of Michael and Maggie Tapp, was selected Elks girl teenager of the month in April. She has been honored for her achievement in National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American Students, and her volleyball accomplishments which include letter winner, Southwestern Conference honorable mention, and best defensive player. Her student activities include yearbook, Quill and Scroll, Photography Club, ALPHA, Science Club, Red Peppers, Varsity Club, Elite Volleyball Team captain, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Top Teen nominations are welcome at the Press-Record. To make a nomination, call Bob at 878-2000.



Melanie Tapp

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Granite goes Hollywood

It may not be Tinseltown, but Granite City was the perfect location to shoot a major motion picture this week.

On Monday, motion picture superstar Bill Murray, an elephant and dozens of tractor-trailer truckloads of equipment and film production personnel were at the Straight Home tavern at the corner of 20th Street and Edwardsville Road to shoot scenes from the movie, tentatively titled "Nickel and Dime" or "Elephant Man II."

Hundreds of people gathered throughout the day to stand by and watch the shooting. Murray took time out before lunch to sign autographs.

Flood danger not over yet

While a warm, sunny weekend helped dry up standing water in the Granite City area, officials are warning that flooding may not be over yet.

Flood water is going down in most areas, but because a chance of more thunderstorms had been predicted by the National Weather Service this week, residents in water-soaked areas should hold off on beginning flood cleanup.

Madison County Emergency Management Agency Director John Quigley said a new storm system developing in the West may bring a repeat of last week's rain.

Tarpoff tells Congress about EPA

A Granite City alderman testified before a Congressional subcommittee Tuesday that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency actually hurts the environmental and economic health of dozens of communities.

Craig Tarpoff told the U.S. House of Representatives' Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials that EPA's policies with regard to lead "are often based on questionable science, statistical manipulation and cleanup prescriptions which do not improve environmental quality" and have been "invented and misused" by "young EPA bureaucrats around the country to create million-dollar research fiefdoms" and "managers looking for job security."

Schools won't oppose TIF

The Granite City School District will not oppose a plan to subsidize \$36.5 million of a \$63 million improvement at Granite City Steel with property tax dollars.

According to the redevelopment plan, only incremental property assessment increases in a 3.5 acre parcel of the 206-acre TIF will be rebated to National Steel.

Gene Logas, finance director for the Granite City School District, said the district does not oppose the proposed Granite City Steel TIF.

GC Lodge to close

The Granite City Lodge will be the first motel in the state shut down under drug and lewdness laws.

Under the terms of court papers filed this week, the motel, 1200 19th St., will close for at least three months beginning June 1.

The closure is the result of a lawsuit filed by the Madison County State's Attorney's office alleging that drug dealing and prostitution are rampant at the business.

The motel may re-open after three months if certain conditions are met.

OATH building vandalism worries workers

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Vandals caused at least \$700 in damage to a building that houses a non-profit organization and left a number of physically and mentally handicapped workers anxious about their safety and jobs.

Vandals used bricks and rocks to break about 24 windows in two buildings housing the Organization to Advance The Handicapped, 612 State St., Madison. OATH provides training and employment for handicapped workers.

"It has really been upsetting for some of our clients," said Sharon Varady, OATH's executive director. "They get emotionally upset and they have a fear that they won't be able to come."

"They are concerned first that they won't have a place to go, and also they see it as a threat that some harm may come to them if it happens while they are here."

About 42 clients and nine staff people work at the site.

Staff members reassured clients that the vandals would not bother the building during the day, Varady said.

However, continued vandalism could force the center to close.

"Actually it's kind of scary, because if they continue to vandalize our buildings, they could put us out of business," she said. "We just can't afford it. That's why we wanted to let the community know that it's not acceptable."

The organization receives funding for programming from the county and the Illinois Department of Mental Health, but operating funds come from

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— Sharon Varady
OATH's executive director

donations.

The damage was discovered by a maintenance worker at about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Varady said.

She said vandals apparently used rocks from neighboring railroad track beds and bricks from an adjacent lot to break the windows.

Ironically, the building on the lot had been torn down recently, and the lot had been donated to OATH.

"It's funny how people do such good things for you, and others took the bricks and did quite a bit of damage," she said.

"People are always doing good things (for us) and to see such meanness is so incredible."

Varady said the organization was going to seek donations to repair the windows.

For information or to make a donation, call Varady at 878-3178.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Vandals broke about 24 windows in the buildings that house the Organization to Advance The Handicapped. The damage was discovered Tuesday morning.

Police target alcohol vendors

By Bob State
Staff writer

For the second time in 10 days, Granite City police arrested individuals for allegedly selling alcohol to minors.

On Saturday, police arrested individuals at the Tip Top Tavern, 1746 N. El Gato, said El Gato Tavern, 1800 Delmar Ave.; 7-Eleven, 1207 Niedringhaus Ave.; and QuikTrip, 2159 Madison Ave.; all for selling alcohol to a minor.

Assistant Chief Kip Pomeroy said an underage minor, a member of the police auxiliary, was sent into several bars, liquor stores and grocery stores. He attempted to purchase alcohol with his own identification — clearly marked as being underage.

Pomeroy said the youth was successful in four of the six establishments targeted.

One person was cited for ordinance violations at each establishment.

All were released after posting bond. Cited at Tip Top was Kathleen M. Schmitz, 39, of Granite

City; at El Gato, Nikki S. Dawson, 33, of Granite City; at 7-Eleven, Christopher W. Whitehead, 19, of Granite City; and at QuikTrip, Mona R. Christy, 18, of Granite City.

Police may seek further charges in connection with the selling of alcohol by individuals younger than 21.

On May 10, police conducted a similar sting operation and arrested individuals at three of the eight establishments targeted.

"This is going to be an ongoing operation," said Mayor Ron Selph, who also serves as liquor commissioner for the city.

Selph put on a seminar about a month ago for city liquor license holders on how to properly identify underage customers.

He asked police to conduct the sting operation prior to high school graduation.

"We don't want anyone selling alcohol to those who are under age. I have seen too many tragedies (as a former police officer) involving teens that were caused by alcohol," Selph said.

Father admits harming infant

Police say a 36-year-old Granite City man charged with breaking his 4-month-old daughter's collar bone has admitted to inflicting other broken bones on the child.

Kevin G. Trebing, 36, of the 2500 block of East 23rd Street, was charged with aggravated battery of a child in a warrant issued last week. He is being held on \$100,000 bond.

According to an informant, Trebing allegedly squeezed his then-4-month-old daughter Jan. 12, breaking the infant's right collar bone.

But an examination at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis at that time revealed that the girl had a healed left collar bone fracture and a healing fracture in her right leg, said Granite City Police Detective Rich Werth.

"Mr. Trebing admitted to inflicting the injuries. He said he doesn't know his own strength and was roughhousing with the baby," Werth said.

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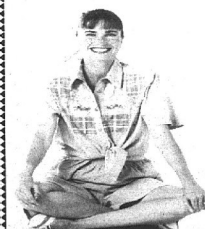
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New patrol car — The Madison Community Action Group contributed approximately \$8,500 toward a new canine car for the Madison Police Department. From left are Al Woodard, treasurer; Danny Poston, president of the Madison Community Action Group; Paul Bargiel, Madison Chief of Police; Patrolman Kevin Sipes and canine Oden.

Jury says Vest guilty on 34 counts

EAST ST. LOUIS — A jury has returned 34 guilty verdicts against Dr. Thomas Bruce Vest after a four-month trial in U.S. District Court.

Vest, owner of the Doctors Clinic in Alton, was acquitted of two counts of mail fraud. The jury, which began deliberating Friday, returned its verdicts about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"I'm very pleased with the verdict," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Daly, who accused Vest of fraudulently billing Medicare and private insurance companies for unnecessary tests on patients.

"The jurors had a difficult task with the volume of evidence they listened to," Daly said. "It was a demanding trial."

Vest's attorney, Anthony Marrese of Edwardsville, said he and Vest were shocked by the verdicts and plan an immediate appeal.

"We were quite shocked. We believe in our client's innocence. We won't give up without a fight."

Vest, who could not be reached for comment Tuesday, was released on a \$100,000 bond he had previously posted. Sentencing is set for Sept. 12. He faces up to \$250,000 in fines and imprisonment of one day to five years for each count.

"Dr. Vest has been cooperative throughout this entire process," Marrese said. "He plans to continue cooperating."

Vest and his attorneys contended during the trial that he followed proper medical procedures at his \$12 million Alton clinic.

Daly, however, alleged Vest falsified symptoms in dozens of medical records to justify ordering

expensive CAT scans and magnetic resonance imaging tests.

Daly called 38 witnesses who claimed Vest did not properly record their symptoms. Several said they had never experienced vertigo and lightheadedness as their files indicated.

Marrese argued that several patients who testified had complained of similar symptoms to other physicians before and after visiting Vest.

Vest, who testified, said many of the patients who testified were probably suffering memory loss and could not accurately recall their visits to the clinic.

Marrese said Tuesday he was troubled by the length of time it took the jury to reach its verdict.

"In my closing, I spent five minutes on each count," he said. "The jury only spent 20 minutes on each count before reaching a conclusion. That's not very long."

Daly also reviewed each count with the jury during his four-hour closing argument. Daly, who contended Vest ordered expensive tests to help pay for costly equipment, said he was "deeply grateful" for the cooperation of the dozens of witnesses who testified.

He also credited hard work by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Simpkins, FBI investigators and officials of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Railroad Retirement Board and the U.S. Postal Service.

"We could not have done this without the assistance of all the parties involved," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Shell Oil Co. will cut 125 hourly employees at its Wood River complex

ROXANA — Shell Oil Co. will begin offering a severance package next week to eliminate 125 hourly employees at its Wood River Manufacturing Complex, which is operating at a loss.

The cut is the third since 1992 when 225 salaried employees took a similar buyout retirement plan. The company cut 100 more employees in 1993 to bring the work force to 1,275.

"This is a painful step, but we're trying to find ways not to impact employees," Shell spokesman Dave McKinney said. "We are losing money, and we're trying to do some things to turn that around. We have been operating in the red several years."

"As a matter of survival, we have to take some drastic steps, and this is one of them."

Company officials informed union leaders of the cutbacks Monday and notified employees through computer mail May 23. Employees will get details next week.

The cutbacks will eliminate 16 of 34 boilermakers, 57 of 112 pipe fitters, 22 of 68 machinists and 20 of 36 insulators. Another 41 jobs will be cut from electricians, instrument men, laborers, Teamsters, crane operators, mechanics, tool-room workers and counter men, but officials said 25 to 50 workers may be retained as operators as needed.

Carpenters, tanners, operators and painters will not be affected by the severance plan.

"We are hoping to get all 125 from the hourly employees, but we're offering the program also for paraprofessionals," McKinney said.

"The first phase will be voluntary, but it may go to involuntary. Employees will begin leaving the payroll June 30 and be phased out over several months."

Employees will get two weeks pay for each year of service. The minimum compensation will be eight weeks and the maximum 52

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Shell spokesman

weeks. Employees who are 50 years old with 20 years service are eligible for an immediate pension at reduced rates. Those not eligible for retirement will get medical benefits for four months as part of the buyout.

The hourly cuts will be tied to seniority, but the paraprofessional cuts will be taken voluntarily. McKinney said the cuts are part of the company's "strong effort" to avoid closing the plant. The Roxana complex employed 1,600 in 1990 plus 600 outside contractors. The June cut will bring employees down to 1,150 with 200 outside contractors.

Business manager Jack Tueth of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 649 in Alton said the union will lose four electricians and four instrument men.

"We think it's better to lose a few people and keep the plant open. It's cruel, but we understand Shell's financial crisis," he said. "We don't necessarily agree with everything, but we understand."

Tueth said oil margins have been terrible with too much supply and not enough demand from drivers buying more economical cars. The Roxana plant also competes with pipelines that can deliver a finished product as quickly as Shell can refine it.

Employees taking the severance will have callback rights, and the electricians may also find work elsewhere in construction, Tueth said.

Shell manager Gayle Johnson told employees it was important to understand that although another severance program is painful it is necessary for survival.

"We are continuing to look at other options to help bring the Wood River Manufacturing Complex's financial performance in line with our tough targets," he stated in a message to employees.

McKinney said the company continues to communicate with employees on its financial condition. The complex runs at less than its capacity of 290,000 barrels a day and has not been profitable for several years, he said.

"We hope they understand why we're taking these drastic steps. We have done a lot to keep employees up on how we're doing day to day. They know the shape we're in," he said. "We've got everyone on board looking for creative ways to make money."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Residents plan Flag Day parade

A planning meeting for this year's annual Flag Day parade will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, at the AMVETS Post 204 in Madison.

This parade will be dedicated to the men and women who served in World War II, as this is the 50th anniversary of the end of the war. Plans will be discussed to make this year's parade even bigger and better than in previous years.

The fifth annual Quad-City Flag Day parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 17.

For further information, contact the co-chairs Mary Scarsdale at 451-9626 or Jim Taylor at 931-4504. If answering machines are on, please leave a message.

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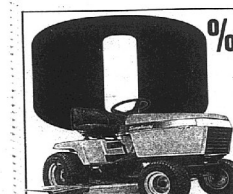
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Letters to the editor

A tribute to terminally ill

TO THE EDITOR: Memorial Day is traditionally the day set aside to remember those servicemen and women who gave their lives in defense of this country. Memorial Day can also be a special time when we should remember and acknowledge those individuals in our lives who have passed, but who touched our lives while they were living.

With that, I would like to use this special occasion to pay tribute to the patients we have had the privilege to serve at Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc.

Our patients are all special to us. They never fail to amaze us with their courage when faced with a life-threatening, terminal illness.

We have seen repeatedly how their courage is transformed into a strong will to live, and how they make the very best of the time they have left.

While you are celebrating Memorial Day in observance of those brave servicemen, remember also those men and women who fought a different, but equally challenging battle—the battle of living with a terminal illness.

In combat, our servicemen never knew if they would live or die. But with a hospice patient confronting a terminal illness, they know the outcome.

Like the men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country, our hospice patients display extraordinary bravery and courage.

It is humbling to be a part of an organization as caring as HSI, and to watch, not only our patients and their families deal with impending death, but to watch as our staff helps these patients stand tall and live each day to its fullest.

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No one life is more precious

TO THE EDITOR: Since the bombing in Oklahoma City, all the media have been flooded with pictures depicting the horror of it all.

The Saturday, April 29, issue of the News-Declarer had a picture of someone putting a bow on a tree, stating, "The purple ribbons are for the children killed in the bombing."

In the eyes of God, no one life is more precious than another.

Age has nothing to do with the value of life. Every life is a precious gift from God and should be treated as such.

The horror of the meaningless killing as that in Oklahoma City seems magnified when children are involved because of their innocence. Yet, who could be more innocent than the thousands of babies killed in the United States every year by abortion? Are these babies less precious in the eye of God because we don't know the color of their eyes and hair?

We haven't seen their first smiles or heard their first words or seen them take their first step. The anger and pain we all feel as we watch a fireman trying out the mangled, lifeless bodies of babies must be multiplied thousands of times in the eyes of God when He sees the lifeless bodies of babies killed every day by abortions by the same people who called out at McVeigh, "Baby killer," and "Kill the creep."

RUTH A. WESSEL
Columbia

Group gives aid for funeral plans

TO THE EDITOR: Because death is a four-letter word in our society, many of us are not prepared for the experience of arranging a funeral for a relative. And, while funeral expenses rank third in cost after a home and an automobile, we are seldom ready to make the decisions necessary at this time.

People who wish to prepare themselves for this task may contact Funeral and Memorial Societies of America, 6900 Lost Lake Road, Egg Harbor, Wis. 54009. This non-profit organization distributes material to help people become more knowledgeable in this very sensitive area.

Two brochures available for a nominal fee are "A Guide to Funeral Planning" and "The High Cost of Funerals." Joining the society entitles you to these brochures and more, plus a booklet entitled "Dealing Creatively with Death," not to mention a list of casket wholesale prices.

Those who choose to join the national group may also wish to participate in the local branch, Memorial and Planned Funeral Society, 218 E. Argonne Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63122-4310, which holds annual informational meetings.

RAY HOLLMANN
Fairview Heights

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Winter's world Arizona scenery well worth visit

My souvenir coffee cup describes Sedona, in northern Arizona, as a place "where created buttes, bizarre pinnacles and deep canyons create the celestial beauty of Oak Creek Canyon."

To visit Sedona is to fall under the spell of a fantasy land created by nature. It is a creation of time, capable of inspiring, soothing or energizing the soul.

It gives a sense of belief to the claim that Sedona and the surrounding canyons are one of the 11 "power points" of the Earth.

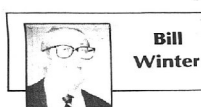
Matching this "purple prose" is colorful Sedona itself. The city is a jewel, set in the heart of "Red Rock Country," a mountainous area formed millions of years ago by volcanic eruptions, wind and water.

The inspiring memory of our visit there several months ago comes to mind as the Metro East area welcomes the return of the spring and summer vacation period.

Illinoisans are prominent among the three to four million people who visit Sedona each year.

Visitors see the same majestic vistas that formed the backdrop for many movie "Westerns" during the 1950s and 1960s.

Although we spent several days sightseeing there, it was



Bill Winter

impossible to view all of the dramatic spires, rugged cliffs and intricate rock formations, many visible only to daring mountain climbers.

An hour-long film we purchased added to our appreciation by providing views from helicopters and balloons.

But even while we merely drove through the region, new and striking scenes appeared every few feet that we traveled.

The combination of the film and a visit enable tourists to explore ancient Indian ruins, traverse buttes and wild mesas, take Jeep rides, go hiking and ride on horseback to enjoy the splendors of each of four distinct seasons.

Sedona was a name created by a Pennsylvania Dutch lady in Gorin, Mo., to name her baby girl, born Feb. 24, 1877. In 1898, Sedona married Theodore Schnebly, and three years later they settled in the Red Rock Country.

When the U.S. Post Office

rejected Schnebly Station as too long an address, her husband substituted her name to describe the small settlement.

The area has been inhabited for 11,000 years. For the first 10,500 years, the only residents were Indians, who used the rugged terrain for cultivating, hunting and food gathering.

Now one of Arizona's principal resort towns, Sedona has a permanent population of only 9,000 but is usually crowded with tourists, especially in the pleasant spring and autumn months.

The unique attractions also lure artists, painters, sculptors, printmakers, potters, jewelers, weavers and photographers.

Cathedral Rock, the area's best known land form, crests at an elevation of 4,964 feet above sea level. Courthouse Butte rises to 5,451 feet.

Three thick units of sedimentary rocks make up it: Red Rock, Sandstone and mudstones form cliffs and slopes, topped by siltstones and conglomerates and then by 900 feet of colorful sandstones.

Although vividly red most of the year, the taller peaks are occasionally are white with snow in mid-winter. The spring runoff then creates sparkling waterfalls that cascade into the canyons.

Competing with the glacial rocks for visitors' interest is the

scenic grandeur of Oak Creek Canyon, which features towering walls and a year-round stream bordered by lush vegetation.

You won't find her there now, but the main restaurant, the Coffee Pot, once was owned by actress Jane Russell, a former Sedona resident.

It features enormous sandwiches, authentic Mexican food, 101 different kinds of omelets and hearty bowls of chili guaranteed to get your attention.

Stores in Sedona offer such goods as Tibetan singing bowls with varying tones and vibrations.

Psychic energy readings can be obtained, higher consciousness can be achieved and past lives can be discovered, it is said. Pairs, retreats and encampments are scheduled throughout the year, and there are countless counseling and therapy programs.

Located 100 miles south of the Grand Canyon, Sedona is publicized as an ideal place to nurture one's body, mind and spirit.

But even if you're not in search of nurturing, you could justify traveling to the Red Rock region, where Mother Nature, through erosion, has carved out spectacular visual beauty rivaling that anywhere in the world.

Comments from Carol

No crazy aunts in the attic for her

(Carol Clarkin writes this weekly column for the Edwardsville Journal.)

A few years ago, when daughter Chris was still living in Atlanta, she mentioned in a phone conversation that she was making a business trip to Memphis the following week.

Great, I said, while you're there, give my cousin Bob Drake a call, maybe you can meet him for lunch or a drink.

Chris had never met Bob, but knew (slightly) his mother, my aunt Marian (one of my father's four sisters, a group she and Mike referred to as the Snoop Sisters) had during her stay in Memphis, met Bob for dinner and what she described as a pleasant, enlightening evening.

Later, she related a story Bob had dredged up from his childhood which, I trust, gave her a little insight into Marian's persona — it certainly convinced her that Bob was a bit of a nut.

It seems that one of Marian's cousins (Charles — a man she thoroughly disliked and apparently the family drunk of his generation) had paid an unexpected



Carol Clarkin

weekend visit to the Drake's, his long-suffering wife in tow.

Charles drank his way through the weekend and by Sunday afternoon had become morose, depressed, belligerent and a general pain you-know-where, to his wife's embarrassment and Marian's annoyance.

Bob, bored with adults in general, had gone out in the yard to play, so missed whatever contretemps occurred inside, which precipitated Charles's going into Marian's kitchen and locking himself in.

Ready to return to the house, Bob found himself locked out of the kitchen, looked through the window and returned through the front door to ask why Charles was kneeling in front of the kitchen

stove with his head stuck in the oven.

The adults rushed outside, looked through the window and saw what Bob had seen.

Marian's husband, George, immediately tried to open the window (locked), and in panic, suggested breaking the window or phoning the police.

"We simply can't let Charles do this!" he told the two women, who looked at each other for a couple of seconds, shrugged simultaneously and asked, "Why not?"

I mention this story because (1) by the time this column sees print, I hope to have had a mini-reunion with Bob and Chuck Gray, two of my three favorite cousins (assuming Bob can make it down from North Carolina to Savannah where we'll be meeting Chuck and his wife).

And (2) the story's typical of the sort of reminiscences we tend to share at such get-togethers.

Because we haven't seen each other for five years, there's a certain amount of catch-up due, of course, but knowing my family, when we get past that, Katie bar the door!

There are some families, I'm

told, who abhor mention of their eccentric members, their goofballs and alcoholics.

They'd like to hide them away and ignore them like the fabled crazy aunt in the attic. Not us.

We like to drag them out and parade them around for our own amusement, though unfortunately now, many of the best and funniest live only in our memories.

We have our own parents as conversational fodder, when we want a few laughs, and family funerals, which are usually the only times the entire, far-flung family members get together, are frequently notable for some mirthful incident.

Fortunately, our great-uncles, George and Fred Rebb, lived long enough for us to have known them and, in their separate ways, marched to some rather off-beat drummers.

Suffice it to say, I know I'll come away from our couple of days together in a far better mood than I've been in for some time. I do know that the family that laughs together, especially at itself, maintains a solidarity that lasts a lifetime.

People

After-school activities help alter attitudes, concepts of students

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

As a seventh grader at Madison Middle School, Staci Ramsey said she had a bad year.

"I did so bad in seventh grade, I made bad grades," she said. "I did better in eighth grade though; I got straight As on my report card and made the honor role twice this year."

Like Staci, the school — which switched to a grade 5-8 middle school in 1993-94 — is coming back from a difficult year, and showing great promise.

Principal Raelyn Parks said more after-school activities, an anti-violence program, and other new programs are giving Madison Middle School a positive reputation among middle school administrators throughout the state.

Parks said the school was recently informed that it was one of 12 in the state invited to apply for grants through the Illinois State Board of Education and the Association of Illinois Middle Level Schools.

Parks, who is working toward a doctorate in education, also recently submitted an article to *The AIMS Journal*, an academic journal put out by the Association of Illinois Middle Schools.

The Madison Middle School is one of 64 schools in Illinois and Indiana taking part in a five-year study by the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois measuring the effectiveness of middle school programming.

Parks said the first year after such a switch is usually difficult, but subsequent years show gradual improvement. At Madison, she said the first year of the middle school was difficult, but the second year showed dramatic improvements.

This is measured by surveys, test scores, report cards, and disciplinary reports. "Normally, the results from the surveys and standardized tests the first year are going to take a dip, because of the change in grade level, a lot of resistance," Parks said.

One of the things she noticed from surveys during the 1993-94 school year was a high amount of anxiety and depression among students.

"We decided to attack these problem areas, because we felt



The co-ed cheerleading squad from Madison Middle School competed in the annual Six Flags cheerleading camp on April 1 and placed third in their division. From left, front row, are: Steven Finch, Alania Long, Aquilau Crawford, Charlotte Latham, Fredrick Williams and Jennifer Hood. Middle row, from left, are: Laketra Phillips, Clint Baker, Shalantia Turner, Anyone Patterson and Twana Turner. Back row, from left, are: Derrick Mathis, Crystal Peters, Laturren Hardin, Paul Baker, Clyde Ashford, Kerwin Baker and Alan Moran.

that once we made the environment more comfortable for the students and the teachers — you know, a happy student is going to perform better because he or she feels more comfortable in the environment," Parks said.

Although the levels of depression didn't change much, Parks said anxiety went down, while self-esteem went up.

Virginia Gulleage, who team-teaches the school's Title I math program with Jim Beattie, said she has noticed a more positive attitude in students in their program.

"They seem to enjoy what

they're doing," she said. "We try to instill a sense of responsibility."

The program started as a remedial math program for at-risk students. However, Gulleage said students are responding so well that in many cases they are studying concepts beyond their grade level, such as geometry and probabilities.

"They are doing things they probably wouldn't have been able to get into in the classroom," she said.

Parks said the student's perception of behavior problems

in other students also went down.

"What we try to do, we try to make this a community, a family for the kids, because the outside still puts a lot of pressure on them," Parks said.

One of the difficulties the middle school faced was increasing violence in the surrounding communities. In addition to a large number of fights at the school, last year a seventh-grade student was killed in an accidental shooting.

"Last year we had some really scary fights that we were

the school district.

"We had a deluge last year," Everage said.

She said after-school activities have made a big difference in the number of fights among older students.

"What you need to do to be accepted or safe or whatever on the street is totally different ball game in the school, and they recognize it and live it because the kids want to be involved in the positive things at school.

"We can't deal with the accidental shootings or the wild bullets on the street, but we can effect changes here that hopefully will change drop out rates at the high school level," Everage said.

Eighth-grader Jamecia Wooten, who admitting being in a few fights last year, said this year teachers and administrators made a greater attempt to help students deal with problems.

"Everybody was taught to talk it out," she said.

Jamecia also said she decided it was time to become a better student.

"I wanted to be better," she said. "I'm doing better than I was last year. Last year I made Cs and Ds, and this year I've brought it up to As and Bs."

For the younger students, Parks said cracking down on rough horseplay has helped.

"It's the nature of the fifth and sixth-grader to run, play, chase and slap," Parks said. "We come down harder on them for rough horseplay."

"That's the stuff that kids do, and what we want them to realize that many times that snowballs, and can become dangerous, so we don't want it at the school, period," she said.

Parks also said that parental involvement has increased dramatically.

"Parental participation in activities has skyrocketed this year, which is really, really great," she said. "It's extremely important; it's critical, because the kids need to know we're on the same side."

Although the school is showing great improvement, Parks said in many areas it still has some way to go.

"What we're going to do is take this and say 'we're improving, but where do we really need to be?'" she said.

Scholastic awards are presented with a message

By Alene Hill
Correspondent

The W. Richard Brinkhoff Academic Achievement Award was presented to 171 sixth-grade Granite City students May 16,

along with a powerful message of taking charge of their lives and taking care of others.

"You must take responsibility for yourself," Richard Brinkhoff told recipients. "You must quit making excuses and blaming

someone else."

He also encouraged the students to assist the less fortunate and to "accept the challenge."

"The future is yours — there is so much to be done." The award, formerly the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, was renamed in honor of Brinkhoff, who served the district as a teacher, principal and administrator. He retired last year after 34 years of service to the district.

"When the criterion changed for the Presidential Awards, we decided to make it a local award," said Ron Stern, administrative assistant for elementary education.

"Rich (Brinkhoff) has dedicated his life to academic excellence and we had an opportunity to honor him," he said.

The honor requires that students maintain a 4.25 grade point average from the fourth grade through the first semester of the sixth grade and score in the 80th percentile or above on comprehensive tests of basic skills.

Students also are evaluated on leadership qualities by their teachers.

While many students admitted the extra work was not always

easy, all agreed the results were worth it.

Adam Zimmer and Amber Heuser, both students at Frohardt School, agreed the sacrifice means less television and sometimes less time with friends.

"You can't always do what your friends are doing," Heuser said.

For Zimmer, it also can mean extra work on the subjects that don't come as easy, like spelling.

Rhea Miller agreed, but the Mitchell student also said sometimes that's what it takes.

"I'll have to do the extra work," she said. "I want to be a doctor."

Neal Ross, a Niedringhaus student, also has his eye on medical school.

"I have to work the hardest on math," he said. "But it's worth it."

Maryville student Andrew Blaylock considers the extra studying all in a day's work.

"It's not hard work; it's just normal studying," he said.

Blaylock said science requires extra time, but once you get started, it's easy to keep going.

All of the students also agreed they would remember Brinkhoff's words for a long time.



(Photos by PHILIP WALKER)

School board member Rick Dickerson presents Staci Padgett with her award.

The winners

Frohardt
Cynthia Mills, principal
Ashley Bogovich, Mindy Briggs, Elizabeth Cunningham, Nicole Gaudreault, Steve Geroff, Amber Heuser, Tanya Johnson, Jonathan Lohman, Tiffany Malner, Chris McManamy, Lauren Miller, Denise Mueller, Candice Muniz, Ashley Murphy, Elizabeth Nelson, Kristin Orsborn, Tommy Rollins, Kory Shrum, Brett Solberger, Phillip Stewart, Tiffany Thack, Rachel Warik and Adam Zimmer.

Lake
Alan Crider, principal
Amanda Atchley, Kassandra

Barnett, Tara Dawson, Brandy Dugan, Erin Haddix, Jessica Howell, Jeffrey Joyce and Joseph Weinberger.
Marshall
Vince Rogier, principal
Amanda Byrd, Angela Clark, Nathan Dickey, Jeremy Gesang, Gregory Pritchard, Charles Reagan, John Sappington, April Schaefer and Kyle Smoot.
Maryville
Clabbe Briggs, principal
Melissa Allen, Keri Allison, Jennifer Ambuehl, Andrew Balcer, Lydia Bettor, Andrew Blaylock, Denette Brossett, Barry Church, Franziska Davis, Jessica Duffield, Jason Evenden,

Emily Falter, Dorisa Farmer, Christopher Gaddie, Margaret Graf, Joseph Hahn, Eric Hooper, Kimberly Kohl, Jamie Miner, Travis Papp, Tabath Rose, Joseph Shepard, Ian Warren, Daniel Watson and Julie Whittington.
Mitchell
Greg Patton, principal
Joshua Angle, Sunny Bolt, Thomas Buckingham, Jennifer Clinton, Kyle Cobb, Joseph Colyer, Nicole Cripps, Sarah Doty, Jessica Iye, Joshua Laughlin, Christine Maloney, Ann McKel, Rhea Miller, Justin Morton, Staci Padgett, Chelsey Peery, Brad Smith, Nicole Stai-

coff, Christopher Taylor, Kara Wallace, Aaron Wallis and Charles Werner.

Niedringhaus
Ellen Voyles, principal
Elizabeth Aleman, Ashley Barker, Amber Blatner, Bradley Boone, Jamie Cassidy, Arthur Chastain, Martha Christiansen, Melissa Elliott, Jonathan Perry, Phillip Fitzhugh, Jacquelyn Fredericks, Kristin Hill, Joshua Holman, Brandi Jamich, Karla Jones, Carly Lasiter, Heather Leisner, George Millsap, Linda Petchulat, Neal Rogers, Brandon Rollins, Benjamin Rudis, Kelly Signall, Thom-

as Stephens, Elizabeth Stoppkotte, Jonathan Vorce and Faith Yurcin.

Prather
Debbie Wilkerson, principal
Nellie Beausejour, Jason Brandon, Daniel Brown, Shawn Fowler, Chelsey Goins, Angie Litchfield, Joe McClure and Deana Mothershead.

Wilson
David Ziff, principal
Heather Coats, Jennifer Conaway, Jason Freeman, Freddie Layne, Nicol Love, Josh Martin, Steven Peach, Thomas Pieper, Keith Ray, Eric Reed, Kyle Robbins, Amber Schmisser, Shan-

non Stapleton, Kathrine Tossaint and William Witt.

Worthen
Nancy Marti, principal
Jeremiah Beckley, Ashley Bywater, Jonathan Cox, Tallin Curran, Jon Dickerson, Raechel Gutierrez, Chaz Hardisty, Jill Jenkins, Richard King, Kristin Lamm, Matthew Mansfield, Megan McKeehan, Cecilia McKee, Amanda Mendoza, Lindsay Moore, Frank Perri, Scott Pregel, Jennifer Ragan, Anesiasia Risen, Katharine Riley, Andrea Schultz, Melissa Stone, Rachelle Wallace and Ronald Wilkerson.

Obituaries



Ethel Stone

Ethel N. (Hester) Stone, 74, of Granite City, formerly of Michigan, died at 11:35 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 1995, at her residence. She was born Oct. 9, 1920, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City since 1959.

A homemaker, she was a member of First Baptist Church in Madison.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Stone, two daughters, Linda Harris of Granite City and Diane Gregor of Fenton, Mo.; one brother, Louis Hester of Downey, Calif.; two sisters, Pearl Thomas of Poplar Bluff and Irene Hager of Harwell, Mo.; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Minnie (Bollinger) Hester.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 7:30 p.m. today with the Rev. Mark Ward officiating.

Graveside services and burial will be held at noon Friday in Poplar Bluff with the Rev. Mark Gregor officiating.

Memorials are requested for First Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Paul Douglas

Paul L. Douglas, 72, of Granite City, died at 3 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, 1995, at his residence, following a three-month illness. He was born Dec. 16, 1922, in

LaCenter, Ky., and had been a resident of Granite City for 20 years.

A sheet metal worker with McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis for 35 years prior to his retirement in 1988, he was a member of Full Gospel Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret L. (Harper) Douglas, whom he married Nov. 15, 1947; one son, Ronny Douglas of Cahoon; one daughter, Judy Martin of Granite City; two brothers, Robert Douglas of Barlow, Ky., and Joseph Walton Douglas of Joplin, Mo.; two sisters, Margaret Johnston of Paducah, Ky., and Mildred Johnston of South Carolina; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Hazel (Dugan) Douglas; three brothers, LeRoy Douglas, Charles Kenneth Douglas and David Gwen Douglas; and one sister, Anna Bell Boren.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

July 11, 1922, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for 37 years.

A lead girl with Owens Illinois Plastic in South St. Louis for 12 years prior to her retirement in 1983, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include one son, Charles "Chuck" Ringling of Granite City; one daughter, Linda Ringling of Granite City; three brothers, Henry and Frank Unterstall, both of St. Louis, and Bill Unterstall of Texas; two sisters, Johanna Rice and Catherine Lapping, both of St. Louis; and one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles J. Ringling, whom she married May 22, 1954, in St. Louis, and who died Sept. 25, 1975; her parents, Henry and Johanna (Fischer) Unterstall; and three sisters, Helen Westloh, Elizabeth Donahue and Anna Oakes.

Services are at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Francis Tobananga officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Memorials are requested for the Hospice of Madison County or to the donor's choice.

Robin Champion

Robin Lynn Champion, 41, of Granite City, formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, May 17, 1995, in Cairo. She was born Feb. 27, 1954, in Granite City.

A member of Clark Avenue Church of Christ, she was a 1972 graduate of Granite City High School and attended Louisiana State University.

Survivors include her parents, "Dad" (Babe) and "Mom" (West) Champion of Granite City; three brothers, Brett Champion of Fenton, Mo., Kirk Champion of Fairview Heights and Keith Champion of Ballwin, Mo.; her grandfather, Frank Champion of Granite City; and her friend, James W. Hawkins of Cairo.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Helen Champion and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Weston.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, May 25, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 26, with

her cousin, the Rev. Ed Weston, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for Clark Avenue Church of Christ.

Ann Turnbeaugh

Ann (Parizon) Turnbeaugh, 78, of Granite City, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, May 18, 1995, at her residence. She was born May 25, 1916, in Madison.

Survivors include three brothers, Andrew Parizon of Lincoln Park, Mich., Frank Parizon of Granite City and Walter Parizon of Groesbe, Ill., Mich.

Private services and burial were Saturday, May 20.



Dorothy Becker

Dorothy L. (O'Sha) Becker, 70, of Granite City, died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a 10-month illness. She was born June 29, 1924, in Granite City, where she had been a life-long resident.

A homemaker, she was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City.

Survivors include three sons, Jim Dennis Becker of Abilene, Texas, John M. Becker of Granite City and Patrick Becker of Pontoon Beach; two daughters, Sharon Bloodworth of Jacksonville, Ala., and Mary M. Becker of Granite City; one brother, Joseph O'Sha of Granite City; two sisters, Sheila Thompson and Audrey Nation, both of Granite City; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John F. Becker, who died Jan. 14, 1994, and her parents, Floyd J. and Mary Dora (Grove) O'Sha.

Services were Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association.

Mary Kellams

Mary Josefa (Greenlee) Kellams, 87, of Salt Lake City, formerly of Madison, died Friday, May 19,

1995. She was born May 11, 1908, in Madison.

During World War II, she received the second highest Meritorious Civilian Service Award for loyalty and devotion to the best interest of the government.

Mrs. Kellams dedicated her life to helping children. She always volunteered for her church and was available to help anyone who was in need. She especially enjoyed teaching and taught computer skills to children in custody until she was 80 years old. She was active in anti-drug programs for children, for which she was honored by the state of Utah.

Survivors include one brother, Leo Greenlee of Wisconsin; and four sisters, Cecilia Williams of Edwardsville, Henrietta Schlenker and Winifred Bringer, both of Granite City, and Dorothy Rice of Collinsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover Seay Kellams, who died Jan. 8, 1973; her parents, Arthur and Mary Greenlee; and two sisters, Isabelle Lucy and Aurelia Peach.

Services were Monday, May 22, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Salt Lake City. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Salt Lake City.

Arrangements were handled by Neil O'Donnell and Sons Funeral Home.

Kenneth Noe

Kenneth Wayne Noe, 60, of Pontoon Beach, died Tuesday, May 23, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a six-month illness. He was born July 7, 1934, in Anthony, Mo., and had been a resident of the Granite City and Pontoon Beach area for 42 years.

A laborer with Nesco Barrel for many years prior to his retirement, he was an Army veteran and member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Sharp) Noe; three sons, Charles Noe of Wood River, Samuel Noe of St. Louis and John VanNida of Corning, Ark.; three daughters, Cindy Norman of Jonesboro, Ark., Beth Ann Noe of Granite City and Louise Noe of Wood River; one brother, Lynn Noe of Moxee, La.; one sister, Ruth Black of Perryville, Mo., and Dolores Carson, Bernice Szczepanski and Sandra Williams, all of Granite City, and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Clara (Harpert) Noe.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3895 Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Bob Jones and the Rev. John Gamblin officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Memorials to the family of Kenneth Noe are suggested.

Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BEERS, Raymond R., 61, of Washington Park, died at 4:26 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 1995, at St. Mary's Hospital, East St. Louis. Services were Saturday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Rich Hodshire. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to the Lupton Foundation, Chapel Hill Christian Church in Fairview Heights or the American Heart Association.

BLANCHARD, Joel E. Jr., 58, of Waterloo, died Sunday, May 21, 1995, at St. Clement Hospital, Red Bud. Services were Wednesday at Quernheim Funeral Home, Waterloo, by the Rev. Kevin Kerr. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

COX, Donna Kay (Sliger), 52, of Granite City, died Saturday, May 20, 1995, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by

the Rev. Donald Clark. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Donna Cox Memorial Fund.

EASTEP, Simon R. Sr., 64, of Granite City, formerly of Kingsport, Tenn., died at 4:57 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 1995, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Wednesday at Mount View Presbyterian Church, Dover, Tenn., by the Rev. James Filson. Burial in Mount View Cemetery, Dover. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City.

FORD, Dorothy L. (Odle) Waelitz, 62, of Madison, formerly of Licking, Mo., died at 1:01 p.m. Friday, May 19, 1995, at her residence. Services were Wednesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. David Tyler. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

FURTWENGLER, Annette J. (Meyer), 61, of Highland, died at 1:05 p.m. Friday, May 19, 1995, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belle-

ville. Services were Tuesday at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, by the Rev. David L. Peters. Burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Highland. Arrangements by Spengel-Boullenger Funeral Home, Highland. Memorials to American Cancer Society or the charity of donor's choice.

GRIFFITH, Walter Edward Sr., 70, of Troy, died at 1:53 p.m. Sunday, May 21, 1995, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. Services were Wednesday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Troy, by the Rev. Dean Probst. Burial in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Troy. Arrangements by Herbert Keesly Funeral Home, Collinsville. Memorials to donor's choice.

HIGH, Jim Brown, "J.B.", 76, of Mount Olive, died Friday, May 19, 1995, at his residence. Services were Sunday at Becker and Son Funeral Home, Mount Olive, by the Rev. Terry Breum. Burial in Union Miners Cemetery, Mount Olive. Memorials to St. Francis Hospice in Litchfield.

JONES, June E. (Henson), 73, of Granite City, formerly of Collinsville, died at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 1995, at the Rev. Charles Holmes. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials to the Hospice of Madison County.

LAYTON, Mary E. (Mouser), 78, of Granite City, died at 12:45

a.m. Friday, May 19, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Raymond Casey. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

MCFERON, James W., 76, of Granite City, died at 11:11 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. David Tyler. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

ROSS, Marie E. (McCabe), 84, of Granite City, died at 1:05 p.m. Friday, May 19, 1995, at Colonial Care Center. Services were Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisher. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Masses.

UTLEY, Dorothy (Casey), 81, of Apple Valley, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, May 8, 1995, at her residence. Services were May 8 at Victor Valley Mortuary, Victorville, Calif. Burial in Victor Valley Memorial Park, Victorville.

WILSON, Mary L. (Holford), 87, of Granite City, formerly of Eldred, Ill., died Saturday, May 20, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Elwyn Wilkinson. Burial in St. Clair Memorial Park, Belleville.

Area of SIUE closed for recovery project

A recovery project aimed at restoration of a wooded section of the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville campus has led to the temporary closing of the wooded area to all pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles, effective June 1.

Kenn Neher, vice president for administration, said the restricted area is bordered by Circle Drive, Whiteside Drive, Bluff Road, the University Trail, a road and a trail commonly known as the "Sweet William Trail."

The trail and other areas of the university remain open to the public; however, bicycles must remain on the main trails or paved surfaces.

To support the recovery project, parking will be prohibited on Circle Drive, Whiteside Drive and the east side of Bluff Road. The university will remove any unauthorized structures that have been placed in the area.

Neher said overuse by bicyclists and pedestrians is causing severe deterioration to the wooded areas in the restricted zone. "Accelerating erosion, damage to fragile plant life and unauthorized cutting and construction are threatening to destroy our educational resource," Neher said. "Working together, we can preserve our campus for the benefit of our students and the public."

The vice president pointed out that the woods are an educational asset supporting the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering and other university schools and departments.

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Coloring winners — Winners in the Granite City Press Record/Journal's Easter coloring contest received \$40 for first place; \$20 for second place and \$10 for third place. Above left, the kindergarten through second grade bracket winners were, from left, Josh Mann, first place; Casey Curless, second place and Travis Hooper, third place. Above, winners in the third and fourth grade age group are, from left, Krystal Wimbish, first place; Chevala Davenport, second place and Brian Patrick, third place. Far left, winners in the fifth and sixth grade age group are Sally Obermeier, third place and Tom Pieper, second place. Not pictured is Christine Webb, first place.



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Holly Elaine Humphrey, daughter of Barbara Hurocy of St. Ann, Mo., and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Nickert, and Miklos George William Hurocy III, son of the late George W. Hurocy Jr. of Granite City, are announcing their engagement.

Humphrey graduated from Fox Senior High School and is a graduate of the International Aviation and Travel Academy of Arlington, Texas, and is employed by Meritek Travel Industries of Chesterfield, Mo. Hurocy is a graduate of Rite-nour High School and attended ITT Technical Institute. He is employed by Flo-Matix in Maryland Heights, Mo.

An August wedding is being planned.



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Wheeler- Adams

Kimberly Renee Wheeler, daughter of Loretta Wheeler of Gillespie and the late Earl Randy Wheeler, and August Glenn Adams, son of Aaron and Anita Adams of Wood River, have announced their engagement.

Wheeler, of Chicago, is a 1990 graduate of Gillespie High School and a 1994 graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville. She is employed as a chemist in the Chicago area.

Adams is a 1989 graduate of Roxana High School and a 1993 graduate of Blackburn College. He is a medical student at the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Chicago.

A July 1 wedding at First Christian Church in Wood River is being planned.

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Pontoon Beach mayor's veto on settlement overturned

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Mayor Glen Wilson vetoed an agreement between Pontoon Beach and Gateway Stables owner Kelso "Kelly" Arnold on Tuesday, but the village board voted to override that veto.

At Tuesday's board meeting Wilson said he was vetoing the agreement — which dropped the village's lawsuit against Arnold and allowed her to place a mobile home at the stable — because Arnold had failed to adhere to the village's codes and ordinances.

"I think they set a precedent in the village that they don't really want," Wilson said after the meeting.

After Wilson's announcement Trustee Gus Falter moved to override the veto, and Trustee Randy Presswood seconded the motion.

Voting to override were Falter, Presswood, Mike Macek, Bob Able and Irene Karlechuk.

Voting against the override was Trustee Bob Vincent, who had been the board's strongest opponent of a settlement with Arnold.

At its last meeting, the board voted 5-1 to grant a special use permit to Arnold for the trailer after an hour-long executive session.

The trailer has been a focal point of controversy and legal actions since it arrived last summer.

Arnold was in the process of obtaining a special use permit for the trailer when it arrived ahead of schedule in July. Since then the village has been attempting to force the removal of the trailer, including filing a lawsuit against Arnold in September.

In December, the court ordered a zoning board hearing, after which the board approved the special use permit. However, the permit was turned down by the village.

One of the reasons for lengthy battle over the trailer was a long-standing feud between Arnold and Evelyn Ringering, whose property borders the stables.

Ringering, who had leased the stable property before Arnold purchased it in October 1989, had led the drive against the trailer, while her daughter Susan Schulte was one of the most outspoken opponents.

In approving the special use permit, the board also set further stipulations for the mobile home.

Those stipulations include: the trailer could be used as a residence only for the caretaker or Arnold, and could not be rented; it would have to meet all zoning requirements, including a concrete pad and 25-foot setback and Arnold would have until Aug. 15 to make improvements, or face a fine of \$100 per day.

•Board

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Marvin Ribbing, president of the Long Lake Fire Protection District, thanked residents and other volunteers for their help during flooding.

Former village clerk Lou Whitsell said the village was going to have to deal with changing conditions.

Because of development in the Edwardsville and Collinsville area, more water is running off faster. This runoff usually heads toward Pontoon Beach.

"We live in the bottom of a bowl," he said.

Because the area has been declared a disaster area, Whitsell said there would be either state or federal funds available to deal with problem areas.

"Now is the time to work together to get funds," he said.

Gary Rowden, husband of Village Clerk Mary Rowden, said another problem was the displacement of wetlands by dumping dirt.

Mayor Glen Wilson said he had ordered all dumping stopped in Pontoon Beach until flooding abated and village officials looked at drainage problems.

Dumping came up again when developer Mike Barton complained that he had been given conflicting information about dumping.

He said former clerk Whitsell told him he did not need a permit to dump fill dirt on his property along Illinois 111, while during a recent visit to village hall Rowden said one was necessary.

He also complained that Rowden had given him incorrect information about the type of flood plain he was in.

Rowden acknowledged she had made an error on the flood plain.

Trustee Mike Macek said the village had an ordinance about dumping fill dirt, and questioned why Whitsell would say no permit was needed.

Whitsell replied that there had been some legal question about the necessity for permits, and that it was a matter of legal interpretation.

•Property

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By comparison, a typical Pontoon Beach resident owning a \$30,000 home assessed at \$10,000 would pay about \$750 as follows:

Madison County.....	\$87.50
Nameoki Township.....	\$34.42
Nameoki R&B.....	\$35.38
Village of PB.....	\$43.09
GC Schools.....	\$414.53
BAC.....	\$23.86
Long Lake Fire.....	\$43.09
MESD.....	\$50.79
GC Library.....	\$30.45

A typical Venice resident with a home of identical value would pay \$1,028 in property taxes. The funds would be distributed as follows:

Madison County.....	\$87.50
Venice Township.....	\$55.94
Venice R&B.....	\$23.64
City of Venice.....	\$355.21
Venice Park.....	\$23.28
Venice Schools.....	\$408.83
BAC.....	\$23.86
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Madison residents pay the highest property tax rates in the area, mainly because of the school district rate of more than \$5.66 per \$100 EAV. The owner of a \$30,000 home in Madison, assessed at \$10,000, would pay as follows:

Madison County.....	\$87.50
Venice Township.....	\$55.94
Venice R&B.....	\$23.64
City of Madison.....	\$250.05
Madison Schools.....	\$566.01
BAC.....	\$23.86

MESD.....\$50.79

A study of property tax rates alone does not give a true picture of who gets the most services for the least money. Municipalities rely on revenue sources other than property taxes — sales taxes, utility taxes and service fees for example — to provide services. Residents of unincorporated areas also, on the average, pay less than residents of municipalities because they receive services from the county or township.

•Rates

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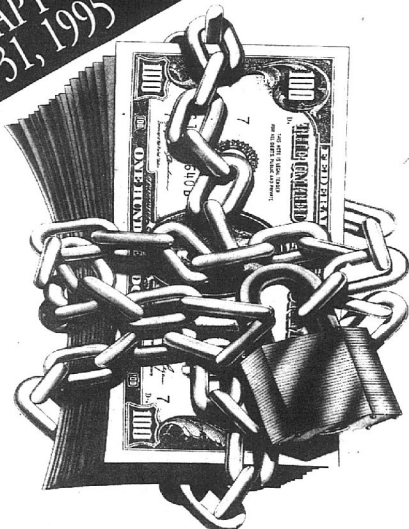
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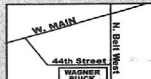
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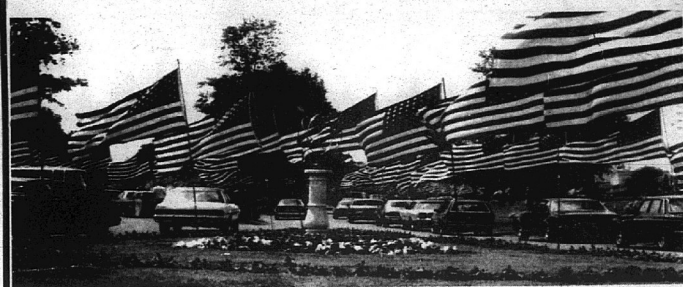
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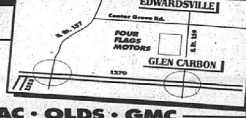
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Brian Lloyd and the Warriors open up against Civic Memorial on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Early homecoming Warriors hosting regional instead of sectional

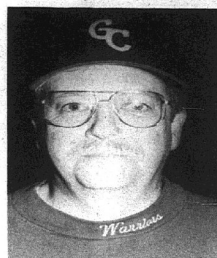
By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Playing at Varsity Field was an annual post-season goal for the Granite City High baseball team over the past 15 years. But this season, the Warriors are already there.

For the first time since 1980, Varsity Field — the Warriors' home diamond and former home of Granite City South — is hosting an IHSA Class AA baseball regional.

THE WARRIORS, SEEDED fourth, will begin the regional on Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Granite City Civic Memorial at 4 p.m. today. The winner advances to Saturday's regional semifinals, set to begin 10 a.m. at GCIS.

For 13 straight years (1981-93), Varsity Field was home to the Granite City Sectional. Advancing to the four-team tournament was a yearly goal for the Warriors, who did it once — in 1987, when GCHS won a regional title and fell to Belleville East in the sectional title game.



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Year after year, fans through-

Baseball

Granite City Regional
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Game 2: (6) Alton at (3) Jerseyville, 4 p.m.
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At Granite City
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. (1) Edwardsville, 10 a.m.
Game 4: Game 2 winner vs. (2) Wood River, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 30
Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.

out the area converged at GCIS for what came to be known as a much-anticipated tournament full of some of the state's top talent. Edwardsville won back-to-back sectional titles in 1990-91 at GCIS during its state record 64-game winning streak and won the state title in 1990.

THE TRADITION ENDED last year when the sectional was moved to Centralia's Kaskaskia College and the Warriors lost to O'Fallon in the title game. The Warriors now hope to make a return trip to Kaskaskia next week.

Granite City enters regional play at 16-15 after winning two of its final three regular-season games last weekend. The Warriors defeated Alton 10-3 last Friday and then split with Collinsville and Belleville East in a makeup doubleheader Saturday.

With the fourth seed, the Warriors hope to defeat CM and advance to Saturday's semifinals, where they would face off against top-seeded Edwardsville. Wood River, the second seed, will play No. 3 Jerseyville or No. 6 Alton at 1 p.m. Saturday. The semifinal winners are scheduled to play for the regional title at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

(See BASEBALL, Page 4B)

Armed with 1994 experience, GC trio heads to state

By Karen Vartanian
Correspondent

Boys tennis

Competing in the state tennis tournament is nothing new for Granite City High junior Joe Markel and seniors Joel Belmer and Chris Mitchell.

Last season, as a sophomore, Markel qualified for state in singles play, while Belmer and Mitchell made the tour upstate as a doubles team.

AND FOR THE second straight season, the trio will battle the state's best competition in Arlington Heights this weekend.

"I really feel good for the boys," Granite City coach Allen Lobdell said. "But at the start of the season, we pretty much figured these were the guys that would go to state."

Markel has beaten just about everyone in the area. The one player that has given Markel the most trouble is Belleville West's Scott Guetterman, although Markel defeated Guetterman once in three tries.

Still, Lobdell said Markel (12-2) has the potential to be a big-time tennis player.

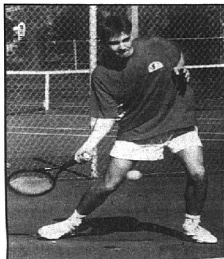
"We have high hopes for him at state," Lobdell said. "He does all the things he has to in order to develop his game, like playing in the summer and in tournaments."

LOBDELL WAS A little disappointed with Markel's performance in the Belleville West Sectional last weekend. He was defeated by Guetterman 7-6, 6-2 in the finals.

"That was his chance to show he is the top player on the east side of the river," Lobdell said. Overall, though, Lobdell said Markel has progressed nicely as a tennis player.

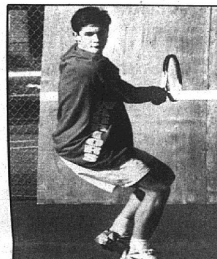
At state last season, Markel won his matches in the first two rounds, but then lost a round in the main draw. He then won his next match in the consolation bracket before bowing out of the tournament with a 3-2 mark.

The state tournament is set up with a main draw consisting of



Joe Markel

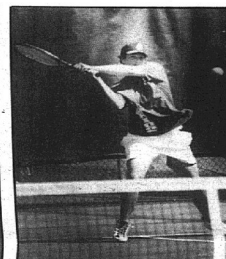
128 players. If a player loses once, he goes into the consolation bracket. It's a double-elimination tournament, and Lobdell said that even in the consolation bracket a player can reach as high as fifth place. The set-up is the same for doubles.



Chris Mitchell

AS FOR MITCHELL and Belmer, Lobdell said they have worked very hard throughout their prep careers.

"They've really matured as a doubles team," Lobdell said. "They have tried to even out their game emotionally, without



Joel Belmer

so many peaks and valleys. They're getting better at it."

The duo posted a 10-5 record on the season. As with Markel, Lobdell was a little disappointed with the performance of the doubles team at the sectional.

Mitchell and Belmer lost in the

semifinals to Rob Lynn and Ryan Lakin from Belleville West, who were the eventual champions. Mitchell and Belmer then dropped the third-place match to the No. 2 team from Belleville West.

At state last year, Mitchell and Belmer lost their first two matches and were eliminated.

"WE HOPE FOR them to improve on last year's showing," Lobdell said. "And they have shown a lot more maturity over the past year."

The tournament started Thursday morning and runs through Saturday.

Competing against the best players in the state, Lobdell knows his players have their work cut out for them.

"They will be going up against real seasoned players," Lobdell said. "There will be guys there that have played a great deal more tennis than our players."

Lobdell said the players from Chicago are able to compete in more tournaments. He also said that although there are teams and players with equal talent at

(See TENNIS, Page 4B)

Pitchers in command; Clippers split opener

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

The Granite City Clippers opened the season Sunday with a Mon-Clair League rarity: a shut-out performance that indicated the pitchers were ahead of the hitters.

With veteran Darin Hendrickson on the hill, player manager Daren DePew's team made its debut as the Clippers and slipped past Valmeyer 2-0 in the first game of a doubleheader at Dai Maxville Field. In the second game, Granite City scored just one run off Valmeyer starter Kevin Lucht and settled for a split after falling to the Lakers, 3-1.

HENDRICKSON, ONE of the league's top pitchers over the past few years, was impressive in his first start of the season. Hendrickson held the Lakers to just four hits, finishing with two strikeouts and no walks.

"That was the first time he pitched all year, and he looked like he was in midseason form," said DePew, who was behind the plate for the Clippers. "Darin threw real well. He never got in any trouble. He pitched an outstanding game."

Mon-Clair

The Clippers scored both runs in the third inning and were led offensively by Jeff Stephens, who went 3 for 3 and provided much of the team's spark from the No. 9 slot.

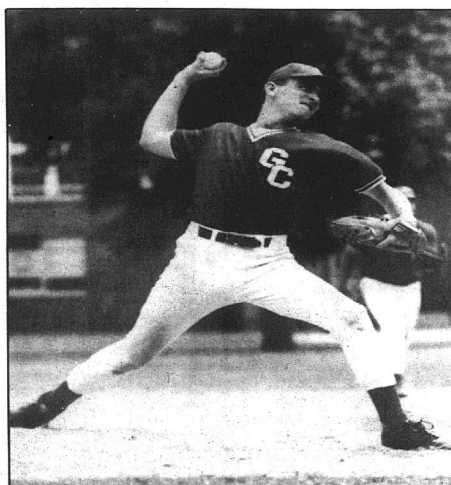
"He swung the bat real well," DePew said. "He's finally making the adjustment to the left side. He started switch-hitting with us last year, and now he's getting used to it."

THE CLIPPERS' offense leveled off in the second game. Jim Stout accounted for Granite City's only run with an RBI double. Lucht allowed just two hits through six innings as the Lakers salvaged a split.

"He just threw strikes," DePew said of Lucht. "We hit some balls, but couldn't get anything across. We just couldn't score. We hit the ball at people and that was the way it went."

Corey Dickerson, fresh off his first season at Kaskaskia College and a new addition to this year's team, started and pitched into the third inning. The young right-hander allowed two runs and took the loss before giving way

(See CLIPPERS, Page 4B)



Darin Hendrickson pitched a four-hitter to start the season Sunday.

Venice track team sends another runner to state

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

MAYBE restarting track and field at Venice High was a good idea after all.

It certainly paid off for the Venice girls' team, with the Berry qualifying for state in two events. And now it's done the same on the boys side, as Jamie Edwards will make the trip to Charleston this weekend as well.

EDWARDS QUALIFIED in the 400-meter run, and he and coach Jim Lowe will head for Charleston today to prepare for preliminary heats on Friday. Edwards ran the 400 meters in 51.6 seconds at the Class A sectional in Chester last weekend, placing him second and qualifying him for the state meet.

Many things impress Lowe about his state qualifier, but the success Edwards has gained at his age may be the most impressive.

"We're all happy for him," Lowe said. "It's quite an achievement to qualify for state, but to do so as a freshman is even more amazing."

"At the beginning of the year, we thought he had a lot of

Boys track

potential. But we never would have guessed that he would come so far, so fast."

"I FELT I could make it if I worked hard enough," Edwards said. "I qualified for state a couple of times in junior high — not that that compares with this."

Lowe said Edwards is a strong runner and a good person. He said his freshman runner is a very quiet individual, so he's not sure how the atmosphere at Charleston will affect him.

But one factor to consider is the number of large meets that Venice participated in this season.

Lowe and the Venice administration made it a point to take the Devils to as many large meets as possible. The Red Devils traveled to the Joyner Relays and Flyer Relays in East St. Louis, as well as big meets in Collinsville and Edwardsville.

The Devils also went up against some of the best Class AA schools in the area.

"WE WANTED THEM to see what it was like at a big-time

(See JAMIE, Page 4B)

Trivial matters

1. This year marks the eighth year the Illinois High School Association has held a girls state soccer series. Has any school won more than one state championship in that time?

2. In 1991, when Edwardsville finished second in the Class AA state baseball tourney, what future major leaguer was on the team that beat EHS in the finals? Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

SIUE basketball camps
Openings are still available at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for the summer basketball camps. For more information, call 692-2669.

Individual day camps for boys are scheduled in two sessions, June 12-15 and July 10-13. Sessions for grades 1-4 are 9 a.m. to noon and sessions for grades 5-8 are 1-4 p.m. Each camp is \$65 per person.

A high school varsity team camp for boys will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 25-26. The cost is \$140 for commuters and \$210 for residents.



Coming up

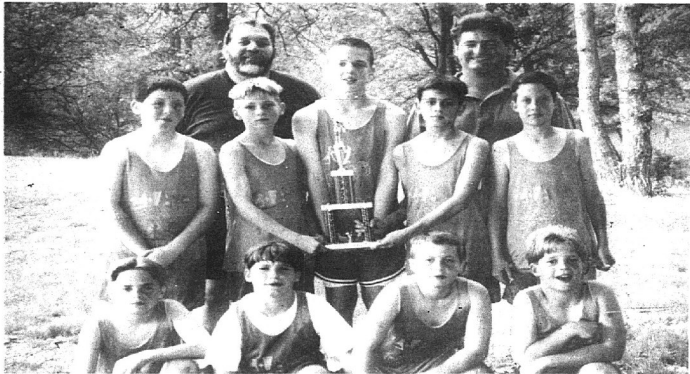
Let the games begin
Kyle Briggs (left) and the Granite City High baseball team host Civic Memorial at 4 p.m. Thursday in the first round of regional play.

Trivia answers

1. St. Charles has won three — in 1990, 1992 and 1994.
2. South Holland Thornwood's Cliff Floyd, now with the Montreal Expos.



Shaq Attaq — The Shaq Attaq girls basketball team posted an undefeated record in the Mitchell Athletic Club third and fourth grade division this season. The team swept its way through the playoffs and defeated the Dunkers 22-11 to finish 10-0 on the year. The team was coached by Don Dix and Steve Cavins. Members of the team are pictured, front row from left, Sara Legate, Erin Dix, Katelyn Nonn, Cara Paoli; back row, Tshia Tomlinson, Amy Dix, Jessica Cavins, Jaime Prazma.



Florida-bound — The Z & A Sonics, an area 11-and-under AAU basketball team, qualified for the AAU National championships July 29-August 5 in Cocoa Beach, Fla., by placing third in the Ozark AAU regional tournament May 7 in Chesterfield, Mo. The team is coached by Tod Lindbeck, a fifth-grade coach at St. Peter & Paul in Collinsville, and Joe Wallace, a fifth-grade coach at Holy Family in Granite City. Team members include (with the name of their school in parentheses) front row left to right, Craig Cason (SPPS), Elliott Bosslett (Holy Family), Ted Wallace (Holy Family), and Josh McCoy (Worthing, Granite City); middle row, Billy Johnson (SPPS), Troy Lindbeck (SPPS), Aaron Krimmel (Dupu), Nick Allan (SPPS), and Don DesPain (SPPS); back row, Joe Wallace, and Tod Lindbeck. The team will also participate in the Prairie State Games in July.

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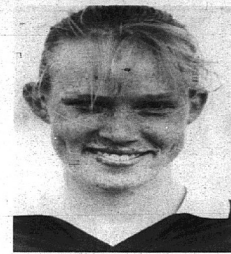
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3 Lady Warriors make all-SWC 1st team

Granite City All-Stater Staci Dowdy added yet another honor to her long list this season when she was named to the all-Southwestern Conference first team. Dowdy, a senior who was named All-State by the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association earlier this month, made the first team along with senior Jennifer Splaingard and sophomore Roxie Simpson.

DOWDY, WHO PLAYS sweeper, also made the all-tournament team at the St. Dominic Howell North Shootout last month, and is on the all-Granite City Sectional team and the Illinois Downstate Eleven team. Named to the all-SWC second team were senior Christy Costello, junior goalkeeper Marlee Holinger and sophomore Jaime Dellbringe. The Lady Warriors went 5-1-1 in conference play this season and are 11-5-1 overall heading into tonight's sectional quarterfinal game against Chatham Glenwood. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Staci Dowdy

Granite City is coming off Monday's 7-0 sectional victory over Roxana and will be looking to avenge a loss to Chatham earlier this season. The Redskins defeated the Lady Warriors 1-0 at GCHS on May-6.



Simpson Splaingard

The winner of tonight's game will advance to the semifinals Saturday at GCHS, set to begin at 5:30 p.m. The Lady Warriors were seeded No. 1 in the 27-team sectional. Collinsville was seeded second, Springfield was seeded third and O'Fallon was seeded fourth.

The semifinal winners will advance to the sectional championship game at 7 p.m. Tuesday, with a trip to next weekend's state tournament at stake. Granite City, the two-time defending sectional champion, advanced to state last year and placed fourth.

Sports shorts

Soccer camp
Applications are now being taken for Granite City soccer coach Gene Baker's 1995 summer soccer camp. The camp, which will be held June 12-16 at Granite City High School, is open to boys and girls ages 7-18. Instruction will be provided by college players and high school coaches.

The camp will begin at 9 a.m. June 12 and will follow a daily schedule from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through June 16. The camp will be divided into periods of technical training, individual skills competition, instructional game film and tactical training sessions and competitive games. The cost is \$70 per camper, with family and team rates available. For more information, call Baker at (314) 355-2374 or 451-5808.

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Teams, players needed
The St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association is seeking baseball teams — and individuals — with players born Aug. 1, 1982, or after. Teams will participate in an international tournament in Amsterdam from July 10-17 against teams from Germany, France, Belgium, Austria and the Netherlands. For more information, call Madynn Levin at (314) 532-5515.

BAC softball camps
Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will hold two camps this summer. The first camp, for fifth-through eighth-graders, will be held from 4-7 p.m. May 30-June 2. The second camp, for ninth-

through 12th-graders, will be held from 9 a.m.-noon, June 5-9. Both camps will be held at BAC's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Road.

The cost of the first camp is \$40, the cost of the second camp is \$50. Checks may be made payable to BAC and mailed to: Belleville Area College Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Road, Belleville, Ill. 62221.

Enrollment at each camp is limited to 75 participants. Each camper will need a glove, gym or softball shoes and sweat pants or shorts.

For more information, call the BAC athletic department at 235-2700, extension 271.

Grand Slam camps
Grand Slam is conducting a series of weekly baseball and softball camps at its new indoor location at 280 Vance Road in Valley Park.

The camp dates are June 5-8, June 12-15, June 19-22, June 26-29, July 3-7, July 10-13, July 17-20, July 24-27, July 31-Aug. 3, Aug. 7-10 and Aug. 14-17. There will also be eight outdoor camps at various athletic associations in the St. Louis area.

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BASEBALL CLASS AA

Granite City Regional
Thursday, May 25

Game 1: (5) Civic Memorial at (4) Granite City, 4 p.m.
Game 2: (6) Alton at (3) Jerseyville, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
At Granite City
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. (1) Edwardsville, 10 a.m.

Game 4: Game 2 winner vs. (2) Wood River, 1 p.m.
Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.

Belleville West Regional
Wednesday, May 24

Game 1: (5) East St. Louis at (4) Cahokia, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 25

Game 2: (6) East St. Louis Lincoln at (3) Belleville West, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 27

At Belleville West
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. (1) Collinsville, 10 a.m.

Game 4: Game 2 winner vs. (2) Belleville East, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 29

Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 10 a.m.

Centralia Regional
Thursday, May 25

Game 1: (5) Triad at (4) Centralia, 4 p.m.
Game 2: (6) Salem at (3) Mascoutah, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
At Centralia
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. (1) O'Fallon, 10 a.m.

Game 4: Game 2 winner vs. (2) Highland, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 30

Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.

Murphysboro Regional
Thursday, May 25

Game 1: (5) Murphysboro at (4) Mount Vernon, 4:30 p.m.
Game 2: (6) Carbondale at (3) Marion, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
At Murphysboro
Game 3: Game 1 winner vs. (1) Mount Vernon, noon

Game 4: Game 2 winner vs. Olney (East Richmond), 3 p.m.
Monday, May 29

Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2 p.m.

Centralia Sectional
At Kaskaskia College
Saturday, June 3

Game 1: Granite City Regional winner vs. Murphysboro Regional winner

Game 2: Centralia Regional winner vs. Belleville West Regional winner

Monday, June 5
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

Game 2 winner

State tournament

Friday, June 9

At Geneva
Game 1: Rockford Guilford winner vs. Springfield Southeast sectional winner, 9 a.m.

Game 2: Skokie (Niles West) sectional winner vs. South Holland Thornwood sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Game 3: Barrington sectional winner vs. Oswego sectional winner, 2 p.m.

Game 4: Centralia sectional winner vs. Chicago Public League winner, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 10
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 11 a.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL CLASS A

Freeburg Sectional

Saturday, May 27

Game 1: DuQuoin regional winner vs. DuQuoin (18-8), 10 a.m.

Game 2: Freeburg (17-10) vs. Greenville (19-4), noon

Monday, May 29
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, noon

SOFTBALL CLASS AA

Cahokia Regional

Wednesday, May 24

Game 1: (7) East St. Louis at (2) Belleville West, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 25
Game 2: (6) East St. Louis Lincoln at (1) Belleville East, 4 p.m.

Game 3: (5) Collinsville at (4) Mascoutah, 4 p.m.

Game 4: (6) O'Fallon at (3) Cahokia, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
At Cahokia
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, noon

Monday, May 29
Championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 10 a.m.

Wood River Regional
Thursday, May 25

Game 1: (6) Wood River at (1) Civic Memorial, 4 p.m.

Game 2: (5) Edwardsville at (4) Highland, 4 p.m.

Game 3: (7) Granite City at (2) Alton, 4 p.m.

Game 4: (6) Jerseyville at (3) Triad, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

At Wood River
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, noon

Tuesday, May 30
Championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 4 p.m.

Civic Memorial Sectional
Saturday, June 3

Game 1: Cahokia regional winner vs. Wood River regional winner, noon

Game 2: Salem regional winner vs. Springfield Southeast regional winner, noon

Monday, June 5
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 4 p.m.

State tournament
Thursday, June 8

At Pekin
Game 1: St. Charles sectional winner vs. Washington sectional winner, 11:30 a.m.

Game 2: Civic Memorial sectional winner vs. Barrington sectional winner, 1 p.m.

Game 3: Aurora East sectional winner vs. South Holland Thornwood sectional winner, 6 p.m.

Game 4: Chicago Public League winner vs. Rockford Jefferson sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 11:30 a.m.

Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.

State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Granite City Sectional

Saturday, May 20

Game 1: Roxana 1, Staunton 0
Game 2: Chatham Glenwood 6, Springfield Lutheran 0

Monday, May 22
Game 3: Rochester 7, Pleasant Plains 0

Game 4: Granite City 7, Roxana 0
Tuesday, May 23

Game 5: Chatham Glenwood 5, Rochester 1

Thursday, May 25
Regional championship: (9) Chatham Glenwood at (1) Granite City, 7 p.m.

Regional B
Saturday, May 20

Game 1: Springfield Southeast 2, Gillespie 0

Game 2: Quincy Notre Dame 6, Jacksonville 0

Monday, May 22
Game 3: O'Fallon 3, Springfield Southeast 0

Game 4: Quincy 1, Quincy Notre Dame 0

Thursday, May 25
Regional championship: (5) Quincy at (4) O'Fallon, 4:30 p.m.

Regional C
Saturday, May 20

Game 1: Belleville West 3, Wood River 2

Game 2: Triad 2, Alton Marquette 0
Monday, May 22

Game 3: Alton 3, Carbondale 0
Game 4: Collinsville 4, Belleville West 0

Tuesday, May 23
Game 5: Alton 2, Triad 1

Thursday, May 25
Regional championship: (7) Alton at (2) Collinsville, 7 p.m.

Regional D
Saturday, May 20

Game 1: Civic Memorial 3, Gibault 2

Game 2: Althoff 6, Lutheran 0
Game 3: Belleville East 6, Cahokia 0

Tuesday, May 23
Game 4: Springfield 4, Civic Memorial 0

Game 5: Althoff 1, Belleville East 0
Thursday, May 25

Regional championship: (6) Althoff at (3) Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

Sectional semifinals
Saturday, May 27

At Granite City H.S.
Regional B winner vs. Regional C winner, 5:30 p.m.

Game 2: Regional C winner vs. Regional D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20
Game 1: Civic Memorial 3, Gibault 2

Game 2: Althoff 6, Lutheran 0
Game 3: Belleville East 6, Cahokia 0

Tuesday, May 23
Game 4: Springfield 4, Civic Memorial 0

Game 5: Althoff 1, Belleville East 0
Thursday, May 25

Regional championship: (6) Althoff at (3) Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

Sectional semifinals
Saturday, May 27

At Granite City H.S.
Regional B winner vs. Regional C winner, 5:30 p.m.

Game 2: Regional C winner vs. Regional D winner, 7:30 p.m.

Regional D winner, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 30
Sectional championship
Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

State tournament
Friday, June 2

At Hoffman Estates Conant
Game 1: Barrington sectional winner vs. Peoria Richwoods sectional winner, 12:30 p.m.

Game 2: St. Charles sectional winner vs. Bensenville Fenton sectional winner, 2:30 p.m.

Game 3: Naperville Central sectional winner vs. Granite City sectional winner, 5:30 p.m.

Game 4: New Lenox (Lincoln-Wa.) sectional winner vs. Lincolnshire (Stevenson) sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

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Baseball

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THE WARRIORS, who came within one game of advancing to the state tournament last year, have struggled at times this season and have been near the 500 mark over the past few weeks. But Granite City is looking to regroup and sharpen its focus for the postseason.

"We're looking forward to it," Granite City coach Gus Lignoul said. "We've had two real good practices and we're trying to get ready. Our philosophy is we're going back to review all of the basics and the things we need to work on."

After starting out the year 8-1, the Warriors fell into a midseason slump and dropped 14 of 19 games. But last weekend's Southwestern Conference victory over Collinsville guaranteed at least a share of second place for the Warriors, who finished 7-3 in the SWC after falling 7-4 to Belleville East.

THE WARRIORS' upbeat fin-

ish, along with the return of senior pitcher Matt Tieman from ineligibility, gives Lignoul a more positive outlook heading into the post-season.

"We have a little more depth now with Tieman back," Lignoul said. "It gives us more flexibility."

The Warriors' rotation will be led by Tieman and junior right-hander Billy Niepert, who has developed into the team's No. 1 starter.

Niepert, 4-5 with a 3.42 earned-run average, is scheduled to start against Civic Memorial. He is coming off one of the Warriors' biggest wins of the year—Saturday's victory over Collinsville.

"He came up big," Lignoul said. "We've asked a lot of Billy Niepert this year. He caught for a series of games, which didn't give him much time to work on his pitching."

"He's done a real good job for us. He and coach DePew have worked on getting ahead of the hitters."

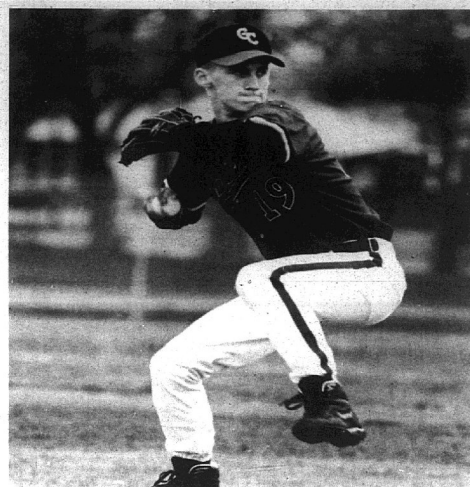
THE PITCHING STAFF has also been solidified by junior Jeremy Hoback, who pitched in three straight games last weekend. Hoback got the win in Friday's victory over Alton, a save against Collinsville and then pitched the final 5½ innings against Belleville East.

"He's been a little bit of a pleasant surprise," Lignoul said. "He's come in a couple times in key situations and shut it down. I think the difference between now and early in the season is he's able to throw his breaking ball for strikes."

The Warriors' offense has enjoyed a resurgence after the team's recent slump. Granite City scored 18 runs in three games last weekend and has been led by seniors Jason Wood, Scott Nemeth and Jason Talley, junior Brian Lloyd and sophomore Kyle Briggs near the top of the order.

WOOD IS HITTING a team-best .361. Nemeth is hitting .350, Lloyd is hitting .318 and Talley is hitting .284. Briggs, the Warriors' shortstop, struggled early in his varsity debut earlier this season but is now at .293.

"He's really come on," Lignoul said. "He's been playing real well for us and has really improved from the beginning of the year. He's got tremendous bat speed and he's also got some pop."



Billy Niepert is scheduled to pitch today's regional opener for GCHS.

Jamie

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meet, and we wanted them to see that, yes, they could compete with some of these bigger schools," Lowe said. "We accomplished a lot, and we fared pretty well at those meets."

"I think that will help me," Edwards said. "But I'm still not sure how I'll react once I get there. I'm a little nervous, but my goal is to be the best I can be. I hope to make it to the finals, at least."

If so, Edwards will most likely have to better his 51.6 mark on Friday.

"You never know; he might just get pumped up and run a great race," Lowe said. Another factor worth considering is the fact that Venice has no track on which to practice. The remnants remain of the old track at the high school, so Edwards basically runs around the area where the track used to be when he trains.

IT WILL ALSO be the first trip to the state meet for Lowe, who teaches in the Venice school district at Lincoln Technical School.

"It should be quite an experience for both of us," he said.

Preliminary heats are due to begin at 9 a.m. on Friday. The second series of heats would begin at approximately 1 p.m.

Clippers

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to leftlander Mark Winfield, another first-year player from Kaskaskia. DePew said both pitchers fared well in their first Mon-Clair appearances. One of the Clippers' veteran pitchers, Brian Harshany, closed out the game in relief. Another newcomer, Jeff Ridenour of Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, started in right field and could also see some time on the mound this year.

"THEY DID A good job," DePew said of Dickerson and Winfield, both 1994 GCHS graduates (as is Ridenour). "It was their first time out, and we wanted to get them some work."

"The pitching is going to be one of our strong points. I think our hitting will improve as the year goes on. Usually, if you only allow three runs in the Mon-Clair League you have a good chance to win. But that

didn't happen Sunday." The Clippers, who advanced to the Mon-Clair championship series for the third straight year last season, dropped to 1-1—a much better start than last year, when East Alton swept Granite City in the first weekend of the season.

"We better off right now than last year," DePew said. "I think we'll start hitting better. It seemed as though with all the rain we've had, people haven't had many opportunities to hit."

"If we put it all together, we'll be a pretty tough ballclub," Granite City will get an early test this weekend with back-to-back doubleheaders against Saugeen and East Alton. The Clippers are scheduled to play host to Saugeen on Sunday and East Alton on Monday. Both series begin at 1:30 p.m.

"It's going to test our pitching," DePew said. "But we need to have that early because we're going to run into that later in the year."

Tennis

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a closer proximity. "WE HAVE PLAYERS who are of equal talent that can't play as much against players of their talent," Lobdell said.

In preparation for state, Belmer, Markel and Mitchell had normal practices this week. IHSA rules prohibit them from doing much else.

"We're really limited in what we can do," Lobdell said. "We can't bring in outside players because it counts as a match,

and that's illegal."

Although Lobdell was disappointed with the team's performance at the sectional, he's optimistic about his trio's chances at state.

"I don't like to make predictions, but I can see Markel making it through three or four rounds of the main draw and the doubles team getting through a couple rounds," Lobdell said. "They just need to go up there and play their butts off."

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Fielding, Griffith win contest

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Persons interested in learning more about opportunities in the Optimist program may visit a regular club meeting at noon on Thursdays at the Granite City Shoney's Restaurant, 3708 Nameoki Road in Granite City.

Girl Scouts give Easter gifts for elderly

Girl Scouts from Granite City worked together again this year to make Easter goodies for the area aging. These girls made more than 430 boxes filled with candy, cards and flowers. Several troops helped distribute them at Colonnades and Colonial Care Center and the Skilled Nursing Unit at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Seventy-five Meals on Wheels recipients also received an extra treat from the scouts. Everyone in the Eden Village Care Center also received a bunny box. Troops and their leaders participating in this year's project were:

Cheryl Wilson, Troop 58; Rosemarie Heath, Troop 911; Ramona Gail, Troop 323; Cathy Carmody, Troop 714; Peggy Maulding, Troop 515; Lisa Johnson, 496; Charlotte Charbonnier, Troop 488; Pam Colp, Troop 143; Debra Kelley, Troop 739; Lola Ramirez, Troop 850; Cathy Roberts, Troop 497; Debbie Krystopa, Troop 882; Kathy Long, Troop 82; Johanna Raymer, Troop 437; Tammi Mooshagian, Troop 508; Minnie McCosky, Troop 708; Melissa Snelson.

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Brian Griffith and Sarah Fielding recently won the Optimist Club of Granite City oratorical contest.



Officers — At a recent meeting of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53, officers were elected for the new year. Pictured are, from left, Ed Roberts, adjutant; John Seybert, treasurer; Robert Pritchard, senior vice commander; Harold Gattung, commander; Lonnie Dyer, junior vice commander; and Joseph Grobelnik, chaplain. Not shown is Paul Cooper, past commander, who installed the new officers.

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Legion, Auxiliary members assist Special Olympics

Members of the 22nd District American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary assisted in the Area 12 Special Olympics.

On Friday, May 5, the group filled 3,000 lunch bags with apples, cookies, candy and chips. Then, on Saturday, May 6, the group manned the two food tents at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville field site of the games. Here, they served cookies and soda during the morning hours and distributed the food boxes, hamburgers and fruit drink during the lunch hour.

Those helping were: Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Kate Buechele, Pauline Mersinger, Marge Nunn, LaVera Johnson, Lynn Cavar, Delores Weis, Mary Bellinger, Eunice Witsell and Debbie Miller, and juniors, Cathy Moreland, Jenna Miller and Megan Miller. All from Venice-Madison Unit 307 Auxiliary; John Hillmer of Venice-Madison Post 307; Rose Moreland and Violet Taylor, both of Granite City 113 Auxiliary; Bill Moreland, Granite City Post 113; Mary Lamoreaux, Collinsville Unit 365; Virginia Egan and Mike Murphy, both of East St. Louis Unit 53; Jim Egan, East St. Louis Post 53; Frances Ebeck and Dorothy Sooy, both of Edwardsville Unit 199; Ed Sooy of Edwardsville Post 199; Edith Ruehrup, Alhambra Unit 1147; Rose Schwarz of O'Fallon Unit 137; and Bernard Schwarz of O'Fallon Post 137.

Trio Unit hosts SDHEA meeting

The Southwest District Homemakers Extension Association meeting was hosted by the Trio Unit on May 10 at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City.

Those in attendance from the Granite City area were Mary Evalyne Yenchio, Flo Stokes, Mary Thebeau, Mary Radick, Nina Dittman, La Nell Lesseg, Ann Miller, Vincine Zerlan, Betty Weston, Ann Konoje, Annette Edwards, Clella Schreiber, Phyllis Bursetti, Betty Goldschick, Helen Harshany and Sophia Thomas.

The meeting was opened by Mary Evalyne Yenchio, district president, with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the secretary and treasurer reports. Installation was held for the new vice president, Gen Hill, and treasurer, Judy Baker.

The November meeting will be hosted by the Granite City Unit.



Shown here are, from left, Scott Brotebeck, Dwayne Springman, Crysanti Septiana and Mayumi Saito.

SIUE students lend the APA a hand

The Hot Dogs, a team of students from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, recently decided to help the Granite City Association for the Protection of Animals for a class community service project. The project took place on April 1 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The four students, Dwayne Springman, Scott Brotebeck, Mayumi Saito and Crysanti Septiana, assisted with the daily tasks of the APA. They also performed a complete cleaning and painting of the indoor kennels. The students then returned to SIUE for a hot dog picnic for the children who lived on campus. The remainder of the food was donated to the New Life Evangelistic Center in East St. Louis.

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Bary Seth Brooks and Julie Ann Wingerler, both of Granite City.
Jorge Adrien De La Torre and

Andrea Rodrigues, both of Madison.
Joseph Lee Haelinger and Laurie Ann Perigo, both of Granite City.

Anthony Joseph Malherke and Jill Suzanne Sloan, both of Granite City.
Anthony Wayne Mull and Dawn Lynett Avants, both of Granite City.

Grant Harley Pellett and Wanda Lockie Brock, both of Granite City.

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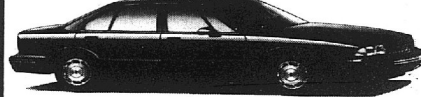


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The question sometimes arises as to whether a person's automobile insurance will apply when there is an accident and a friend or relative is driving the owner's car. Frequently situations arise where people other than the person named in the policy drive the automobile.

Illinois law provides that the owner's car insurance will apply if another person is using the car with the owner's permission. Furthermore, once this permission is given to a person, coverage under the auto policy is also provided to a subsequent user of the vehicle. Of course, the insurance company always has the right when the policy is issued to state that coverage will not apply if a particular person drives the car.

The reason why the question of insurance coverage becomes important is because in many cases this is the only source of money to repair the damaged automobile. In one case, a father allowed his son to use the family car, but he instructed him never to allow anyone other than a member of the family to use the vehicle. Subsequently, the boy took the car to a party in Indiana. At the party, he traded cars with another young man, who proceeded to drive the family car and

wreck it. The insurance company for the family attempted to argue that there was no insurance coverage in this situation because the son was the only person who had permission to drive the car.

The Court in this case ruled that the driver was insured under the policy because the son had given permission to the friend to use the family car. The Court found that once the father gave initial permission to his son to use the car, the son in turn could permit someone else to use the vehicle and still be covered by the family's auto insurance.

In another case, the insurance company in the original policy provided that liability coverage would not apply to an accident occurring while the car was driven by the eighteen year old son. This was included in the policy because of his past driving record. The son drove the car anyway and had an accident which resulted in injury to the people in the other vehicle. The injured people obtained a \$10,000 judgement against the father and son, and they had to pay it out of their own pocket since insurance coverage did not apply in this situation.

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Easter bonnets — Colonial Care Center hosted its annual Easter bonnet parade. Residents spent much time working on their Easter bonnets. During the Easter party, the women paraded around the dining room; prizes went to Viola Harrison and Agnes Garin for the prettiest hats. In photo above Geneva Kopchak, left, and Lois Harp enjoy the party with the visiting Easter Bunny.

May meetings

Eta Alumnae Chapter
The regular monthly meeting of the Eta Alumnae Chapter of Phi Tau Omega Sorority was held May 3 at Jessica's Cottage, hosted by Betty Harris and Van Stuart. Thirteen members attended. The room was decorated with spring flowers and a gourmet luncheon was served.

Following lunch, cards were played and prizes were won by Mary Lou Tonsick, Elsie Rodell, Mary Evalyne Yencho, LaVelda Knobbe, June Druer and Melba Tarpo. Others attending were Dorothy Johannmeier, Mildred Jungels, Marguerite Lexow, Helen Hoelscher and Celestine Lucas. The next meeting will be held at Andria's Restaurant in Edwardsville on June 7, hosted by Mildred Jungels and Melba Tarpo.

Christian Temperance
The Granite City Women's Christian Temperance Union held its monthly meeting May 15 in the fellowship hall of the Central Free Methodist Church in Pontoon Beach. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by the group. After the meal, Vera Lynn, president, conducted the business. Each year, essay, poster and coloring contests are conducted for youth and cash awards are given to the winners. Some from Madison County were also recent winners in the state contest. The senior high essay contest was won by Jim Goodwin for both the Madison County and state contests. He is a student in the Bethel Christian Academy in South Roxana. The title of his essay was "Who is Hurt When People Use Tobacco?"

The lesson was given by Doris Brown. She gave special recognition to mothers and the important place they have in the home. Several gave testimony about their own mothers.

AARP Chapter 1340
American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340 held its May dinner and dance at the Granite City Township Hall. President Pauline Hanson welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to all who assisted with the arrangements for the evening.

Attendance was 203.
The dinner was catered by Jerry's Cafeteria. The band, Jerry's Kids, provided music for dancing and listening pleasure. Attendance prize winners were Doris Anderson, Lucille Elheridge, Inez Rush, Helen Meyer, Lillie Hill, Josephine McFarland, Katherine Borosky, Anna Mercer, Vera Kirkpatrick and Nellie Dezan.

The special prize, in the amount of \$40, was won and claimed by Nevada Hickman. This prize will start over at \$5 the next meeting.

In order to win this special prize, members are reminded dues for the current year must be paid and paid-up life member cards must be updated.

Esther Circle
Niedringhaus United Methodist Church's Esther Circle held its May meeting at the home of Mary Rouland. Marcia Lieurance opened the meeting with a prayer. "The Least Coin," "Angel in Our Backyard," was read by Louise Potillo. Alice Bost gave the lesson on "Love and Faith." The thought for the day was "How Am I Using My Faith?" Those in attendance were Florence Stewart, Ethel Lerch, Karen Ambuehl, Louise Potillo, Denise Burris, Jennifer Off, Kathleen Off, Eula Davis, Norma Chesterman, Leona Bell, Alice Bost, Mary Rouland, Marcia Lieurance and Judy Lieurance.

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Salon elects officers at meeting

Madison County Salon 53 of the Eight and Forty held its meeting at the Alhambra American Legion home May 16 with the following as hostesses: Edith Ruehrup, Shirley Landolt, Lucille Korsmeyer and Anita Ahlman. Lunch was served to 15 partners.

Ruehrup, chapeau, conducted the business meeting. Elsie Vieregge, pouvoir member, reported on the spring meeting held in Galesburg at the end of March. She presented awards from that meeting to Lucille Korsmeyer, children and youth chairman, and Georgia Pollard, partnership chairman, and scarves and tiles to partners who donated \$20 or more for the Superkids Camperships.

The attendance prize was won by Norma Hillmer. Irene Schneck, nurses scholarship chairman, collected \$7.40 for this fund. Penny marches were held with donations of \$7.20 for campership.

A card party will be held Aug. 15 at the Highland American Legion home. Plans were begun for this money-making event.

Election of officers was held with the following being elected for 1995-96: Elsie Vieregge of Bethalto, chapeau; Frances Eibeck of Edwardsville, demi chapeau premier; Wanda Taylor of Bethalto, demi chapeau deuxième; Edith Ruehrup of Alhambra, l'archiviste; Adaline Drury of Alton, l'aumonier; Dorothy Sooy of Edwardsville, la concierge; and appointed officers, Dorothy Hinson, la secrétaire, and Norma Hillmer, la cassiere, both of Madison.

Following the business meeting, bingo was enjoyed.

Dinner shows gratitude

The Salvation Army held an Easter gratitude dinner April 16.

The dinner was held to thank all who help to make all Salvation Army events a success.

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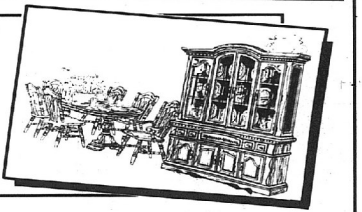
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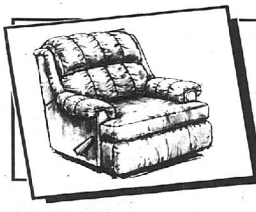
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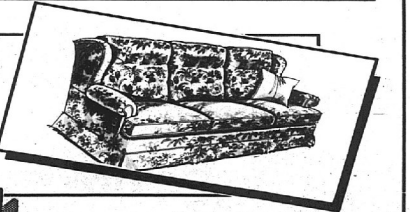
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Horoscope

Thursday, May 25
Mars enters Virgo, and we begin a time of thoroughness, critical concern and efficiency. You may feel the boss is picking on you or making too many demands over the next few weeks, but look around — you'll see that all your co-workers feel the same! Don't take criticism too personally or yourself too seriously — enjoy finally getting nagging little tasks and repairs behind you!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Watch for your chance to give a co-worker a hand. It's time to complete all those unfinished tasks. Study the instructions before attempting repairs. If the boss doesn't understand, wait to explain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The kids are the focus for the next few weeks, so relax and plan to be innovative and patient. Put a few of those artistic projects on the front burner, or start taking a hobby or sport more seriously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
If you've been on the loose, redesign your attitude toward settling down — now is the time to study home-improvement methods and concentrate on family relations. Plan for future security!

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Explain the possibilities to someone who knows how much you care about the outcome — airing your ideas helps you arrive at a sound decision. Actions you take now have lasting results (or consequences).

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
What looks like a great bargain may be a disappointment once you



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get it home. You may find a better deal elsewhere. Job hunts end in success very soon — go for what you want.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 25)
New projects may include a business with a family member. June and July are great for job advancement and learning to improve earning power. Think big in August — in September, extra responsibilities fall to you. In October, a dream may begin to come true. Love makes you happy in November, and you may marry, form a business or move in with your mate in December!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Even your toughest critic can't say you don't try — but don't get yourself in a dither when tasks can't be completed on time. You're about to enter a period of sustained ambition and accomplishment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Delectable ghosts may be tough to pass up — distract yourself by flirting with someone new who enters your sphere, probably at your workplace. Your work with kids is your most creative expression now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Family members can kink up your plans — be ready to take matters into your own hands if necessary. Developing team spirit is a lucky exercise — show loyalty and dependability and the world will be your oyster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
More time with the one who means most may be the key, so slow down and listen to the feelings of others. Your low energy level makes it unwise to compete in traffic or other meaningless daily races.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Double-checking facts and figures is important. Be sure before you buy, but you may find a bargain on tools and necessities if your hunt is conducted carefully. Work isn't everything in life — relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
New friends and old lovers are in the picture — fortunately, you're very comfortable with both, and you may rather enjoy any controversy that may accompany temporary situations. Love is still the answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
All the relaxing you plan to do later is earned by getting those finances in tip-top shape. If credit cards need to be put away for a few weeks, you can handle it. Fix healthy foods for you and yours.

Latest 'Die Hard' is mindless fun

Sometimes you just have to kick back and forget reality. The payoff can be superb: high-tech thrills and side-splitting laughs. That just about sums up "Die Hard With a Vengeance," a great romp not only for "Die Hard" fans but for anyone seeking pure, disengage-your-brain entertainment.

The makers of "Die Hard" have crafted a winning formula ever since maverick cop John McClane, Bruce Willis' wise-cracking cop-with-an-attitude, threw Hans the terrorist-thief off the 30th floor of the Nakatomi building in 1988.

Two years later, McClane battled another group of terrorists trying to free a South American dictator. "Die Hard 2" was less inventive than the original and relied purely on formula to make it through.

Now comes "Die Hard With a Vengeance," a breezy reminder of what made the first installment so good. The dialogue in Jonathan Hensleigh's screenplay is snappy, and even the smallest character is developed.

John McTiernan, who directed the original (Renny Harlin did the sequel), gets your attention seconds into the movie when a building is spectacularly blown up.

It's the work of a loon who calls himself Simon (Jeremy Irons), who promises to blow up more things unless the police deliver McClane to him. There's a big problem, though: The ram-rod loner has been suspended and currently passes his time with copious amounts of alcohol. McClane is pulled from a stu-

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por to satisfy Simon's needs and dispatched to a Harlem street corner, where he's bound to get into trouble: a white guy in his boxer shorts wearing a sandwich board that prominently features the "N" word. As a no-nonsense shopkeeper named Zeus (Samuel L. Jackson) tells his young sons when he sees the spectacle: "Either he has some very personal issues or not all his dogs are barking."

Zeus rescues McClane from an angry group of gang members who don't appreciate the racist obscenity, gets himself shot in the process and finds himself an unwilling partner in the police terrorist caper.

I'm not jumping through hoops for a psycho that's a white problem," he proclaims, until told the latest bomb was found in a playground in Harlem.

Simon leads McClane and Zeus on a magical mystery tour of sorts, a game of Simple Simon in which all rules favor Simon. While McClane tries to puzzle out his connection to Simon, the audience already has simply by listening to Irons' terrible German accent. Anyone remember Hans?

Once you get the Hans connection, you'll certainly figure out what Simon really is all about. And that's the major problem with the movie: You've been there before. Yes, another heist.

But you immediately forgive the filmmakers because "Die Hard With a Vengeance" is just so much fun, punctuated with wonderful action shots that sometimes defy all rationality. The speeding cab through Central Park, gridlock and beyond

is the most thrilling and inventive car sequence to come along since "The French Connection" and "Bullitt." And when McClane surfs atop a truck as water floods an aqueduct, you want to shout "cowabunga." The movie's first half holds up much better than the second, however, when the action and violence become mindless at times — so stupid, in fact, that you question how anyone could live through what McClane and Zeus endure.

Willis remains terrifically cocky as McClane, a guy who can take a lickin' and keep on tickin'. But Jackson steals the movie. His acerbic humor is a proper fit with the comic book tone of the film. As an action hero, he's the perfect balance to McClane's "shoot-now-ask-questions-later" approach.

Unfortunately, Irons not only has a bad hair day (someone decided to dump a bottle of perfume on him), but that German accent has got to go. He has played villains before, but this one is the butch version — check out the tank top and dog tags.

Also be sure to check out singer Sam Phillips as the silent Kato, Simon's lover and killer-enforcer. She is terrific — hard, cold, methodical and scary.

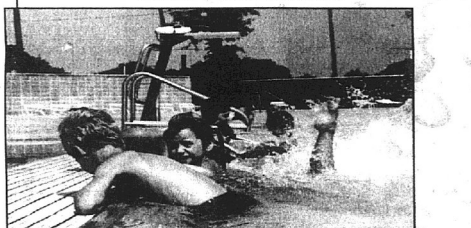
Peter Menzies' photography is excellent, and John Wright's editing tight. The Twentieth Century Fox release, in association with Cinergi, was produced by McTiernan and Michael Tadmor with Andrew G. Vajna as executive producer.

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